



# ST PAUL'S C of E COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 1 – Spring Term

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday! Mrs Scarborough, Mrs Dobey, Mrs Jukes and I are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the gifts we all received.

Please continue to support your child by ensuring they have everything they need in school each day. As a reminder, reading folders are required in school every day. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle, filled with water only.

You can choose to provide a snack for you child, alternatively, they can choose a school snack. Your child can eat a snack at any point during their learning time. This occurs in the morning and afternoon.

Robins should continue to wear PE kit to school on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please ensure that all clothing is named.

### Reading

Please remember to hear your child read at least four times a week. You do not need to read a whole book in one session, a few pages are sufficient. Please record all reading on the BoomReader app and make a comment if there is something that you wish us to know – this could be something that went well or something that was tricky.

Reading books will continue to be changed on your child's changeover day.

### Dojo

Please continue to share your child's learning experiences at home with us via Class Dojo – it was wonderful seeing so much of their home learning last term! Home learning is a very important part of your child's learning journey as it enhances their learning from school and instils study skills in preparation for the next stage of their schooling. It is also a great way for families and carers to be involved in their child's education, giving a chance to talk about their learning.

### Topics

English - We'll recount Christmas holiday experiences, explore emotions and communication through Knuffle Bunny, and create detailed animal fact files. Later, we'll dive into cultural stories like *Handa's Surprise* and develop skills in writing postcards, letters and newspaper reports.

Phonics - Our focus will be on new sounds (e.g., nk, ph, wh, -tch, ore) and Rainbow Words such as friend, your, says, and love. These will enhance reading fluency and comprehension.

Maths - The term begins with understanding and comparing numbers 11-20, followed by addition and subtraction within 20. After half term, we'll work with numbers up to 50 and explore measurements like length, height, mass and volume.

Science - We'll investigate seasonal changes, focusing on Winter and Spring, and conduct experiments to explore everyday materials.

RE - We'll discuss questions like "Should everyone follow Jesus?" through Jesus's teachings and the Easter story, before exploring Jewish beliefs about God.

Geography - The term includes comparing Rainforests and the Arctic, followed by discovering global differences after the half term.

Computing - Students will learn to program a robot and later group data (e.g., flying vs. non-flying animals).

PE - Our focus will be on gymnastics and balance, progressing to ball skills after the half term.

Music - We'll explore pulse with the theme "My Favourite Things" and later learn the basics of musical notation.

Art and DT - In Art, we'll experiment with mark-making techniques, while DT projects will include creating houses using hinges and joins, tying into history knowledge.

PSHE - We'll reflect on dreams and goals, then explore how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Below is a weekly timetable to help you and your child prepare for school each day:

Monday	
Tuesday	PE - PE Kit to be worn to school
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Thursday	
Friday	

Any questions please do not hesitate to email the School Office and I will get back to you.

Kind regards  
Miss Baldwin