

Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

It's hard to believe we are already two terms down, with just one to go before your little one moves into Year 1. This is such a special milestone, and it's completely natural to feel a little emotional as we begin preparing for this transition.

Learning:

This half term, our topic is *'Into Space'*. The children will be learning all about space—planets, moons, stars, and much more!

Next half term, our topic will be *'Dinosaurs!'*, where we will explore all things dinosaur-related.

We also have an exciting trip planned to Hertfordshire Zoo on **Tuesday 30th June 2026**, where the children will explore the dinosaur area linked to our topic.

This term, Reception will continue to take part in daily whole-class Phonics, Literacy (Drawing Club), and Maths lessons, alongside weekly RE, RSE, and PE. PE will continue to take place on **Fridays**, so please ensure your child comes to school with their earrings removed.

Reception will also continue to enjoy 'busy time' in both the morning and afternoon, where they can access a wide range of indoor and outdoor learning opportunities, as well as daily small group work with their teacher.

All children will continue to read 1:1 with an adult and will change their reading books weekly. In addition, they will have a weekly 1:1 reading session with our parent volunteer.

Please continue to listen to your child read at home and record how they are getting on in their reading journal each day. This supports their progress with segmenting, blending, and developing reading fluency.

Children will also begin receiving **weekly spellings** this term to support their developing phonics knowledge and early writing skills. Spellings will be sent home on **Fridays** and will be tested the following **Friday**.

Preparing for Year 1:

Preparing the children for this important transition will be a key focus this term. To help make the move as smooth as possible, your child will spend some time in the Year 1 classroom to become familiar with the environment and routines.

Once the teaching staff for next year have been confirmed, we will share this information with both you and the children. Following this, I will ensure your child has plenty of opportunities to meet their future teacher and begin building a positive relationship.

Later in the summer term, we will also have a "move-up day," where the children will spend a couple of hours in their new classroom, experiencing what Year 1 will be like with their new teacher. For any children who may need additional support with settling, this will be arranged accordingly.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards, Miss Richardson – Reception Class Teacher- reception@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk