



# St Paul's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

A very warm welcome to Year 3. We are very much looking forward to a fun, successful and memorable year.

### Meet the Team

In 3B, Mrs Bagley and Miss Wall will be supported by Mrs Dodson. In 3V, Mr Vaughan will be supported by Mrs Jones. Mrs Bagley is the Assistant Head for the year group. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to talk to us or email us on [cvaughan@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:cvaughan@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk), [sbagley@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:sbagley@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk) or [mwall@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:mwall@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk).

### Our Curriculum

In History, we begin back in 12000 BC with Britain emerging from the Ice Age, where mankind used stone tools and lived as hunter-gatherers. We will continue in chronological order through to the Iron Age. Inspired by the Stone Age, we will create cave paintings and make model shelters using natural materials.

In Science, we will start by looking at light sources and how shadows are formed. After half term, we will study rocks and fossils, so please start collecting over the summer holidays!

In RE, we will be looking at creation stories and how we can care for God's world. Nearer to Christmas, we will look at what the Gospels of Matthew and Luke say about Jesus' birth.

Children's happiness and wellbeing is vitally important and we will be spending time discussing what makes a good friend and how to resolve differences and disagreements. Now that children are in Key Stage 2, they will all start to learn French. Music will enrich our curriculum throughout the year. In PSHE, we will be looking at Being Me In My World.

### Maths and English

Each day, we will have an English and Maths session (usually in the mornings).

In Maths, we will begin the year by exploring Place Value – the value of each digit – this will lead into partitioning of 3-digit numbers and then addition, using the written formal addition method. As we work through the term, we will explore the four operations: addition; subtraction; multiplication and division. We encourage the children to practice their times tables and in-class tests will help us to monitor progress. There are many games, which can help to make the learning more 'fun'. A great website for this is: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>.



Much of our work in English will be linked to our topic, where appropriate, to provide the children with context for their learning. There will be a particular focus on basic punctuation (full stops, capital letters, commas in lists, question marks, exclamation marks and speech marks). We have a weekly spelling test, which is linked to spelling patterns and our Year 3/4 spelling list. We set the tests on a Monday and test them the following Monday.

### **Homework**

We will send homework out every Monday. This needs to be returned to school by the following Friday. If for any reason you are unable to complete this homework, please let the class teacher know.

### **PE Kit**

Both classes will have PE on Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child comes into school with their PE kit on, on these days. Each class will have six thirty-minute-long swimming sessions in the second half of the Autumn Term. Details of these sessions have been sent out in a further letter.

### **What to bring to school?**

Each child will have a reading book in school from our Big Cat Collins Reading Scheme – your child will be allocated a coloured book at the start of the year to read at home. Please use the Home-School Book to record any notes in. Your child will also have a 'love of reading' book to enjoy at home with you. This reading book is a lovely opportunity to enjoy some relaxed time enjoying books.

They should bring a healthy snack (e.g. a piece of fruit or a cereal bar) and a drink to school each day. Please note that fruit is not provided by the school in Key Stage 2. Water bottles can be topped up in school from our fountains.

### **Parents' Meetings**

We look forward to our first set of parents' evenings on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. On Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, there will also be an opportunity for you to join your child in school for a Parent Workshop. Letters with specific dates and times will be sent out at the start of the Autumn Term.

### **Trips**

We are currently looking at trips to Acton Scot in the Autumn Term (around November), along with further trips to Caerleon and the Lugg Meadows later in the year. Details on these trips will be released in the new academic year.

We look forward to working with your children next year, and wish you a fun, safe and refreshing summer break. See you in September!

Best wishes,

**Mrs Bagley, Mr Vaughan and Miss Wall**



**† In your light shall we see light**

