

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

This term, Year 5 and 6 pupils at St Paul's will be diving into the fascinating world of **The Tropical Rainforest**, exploring its rich biodiversity, climates and the importance of conservation. We have an exciting term ahead with a number of memorable learning experiences planned, including a visit from **Zoolab**, where children will explore how rainforest animals have adapted to their environments, and an educational trip to the **Mosque** to support and deepen our learning in RE. Please see below for more information about what we will be covering in our curriculum this term.

<u>Geography</u> The children will be learning about the features of different biomes, then focussing on the Tropical Rainforest biome. We will be learning about the layers, organisms and climate of tropical rainforests with a particular focus on The Amazon.	<u>History</u> The children will be learning about the cause and consequence of exploration with a particular focus on rainforest tribes.	<u>Science</u> In Science, pupils are learning about adaptations, inheritance and evolution. A visit from Zoolab will enhance this learning. See the date for this below.
<u>RE</u> We will be exploring the big question "is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?" We will be visiting Manchester Central Mosque to enhance this learning. See the dates for these trips below.	<u>Art</u> We will be analysing how movement and action is depicted in art. We will start by looking at various examples of movement in other artists' work before creating our own.	<u>DT</u> In relation to our Rainforest topic, DT this term will be focussed on backpacks. The children will research and analyse features of backpacks before creating a prototype for a backpack suitable for a rainforest explorer.
<u>Computing</u> In the first half term, Computing will be about Algorithms and Programming, using selection on Scratch. In the second half term we will be learning about and using spreadsheets.	<u>Mandarin</u> The children will continue their Chinese Mandarin lessons with Ms Deng on Friday afternoons.	<u>PSHCE</u> Both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils PSHCE learning will have a focus on Healthy Lifestyles this term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>Year 6 will continue their wider opportunities lessons in Steel pans each Monday afternoon.</p> <p>Year 5s will have the following wider opportunities lessons.</p> <p>Mrs Snowdon – Steel Pans Miss Verhoven – Drumming Miss Edwards - Guitars</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outdoor PE</u></p> <p>Half term 1 – Football Half Term 2 - Golf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Indoor PE</u></p> <p>All of this term, indoor PE will be Dance.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>All pupils will need to always have A PE kit in school. PE Kits consist of a white tee-shirt, black shorts/ leggings, pumps or trainers. No jewellery should be worn on a PE day and long hair should be tied up.</p> <p>Mrs Snowdon – Wednesday and Friday Miss Verhoven – Thursday and Friday Miss Edwards – Tuesday and Wednesday</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Behaviour</u></p> <p>All pupils are expected to be</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>READY</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>RESPECTFUL</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SAFE</i></p> <p>Children can earn house points for displaying this behaviour and the house with the most points across each half term will have a house party.</p>
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<p><u>Important Dates for this Term</u></p> <p>Friday 6th February – NSPCC National Number Day</p> <p>Friday 13th February – Chinese New Year Celebration Day</p> <p>Monday 2nd March – Zoolab in School</p> <p>Thursday 5th March – World Book Day</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March – Mrs Snowdon Mosque Trip</p> <p>Wednesday 25th March – Miss Edwards Mosque Trip</p> <p>Thursday 26th March – Miss Verhoven Mosque Trip</p>

You are welcome to visit your child's classroom every Friday at 8.45 to see their work. If you have any concerns or questions please make an appointment at the office to see the class teacher. Many Thanks, Year 5/6 Team