

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

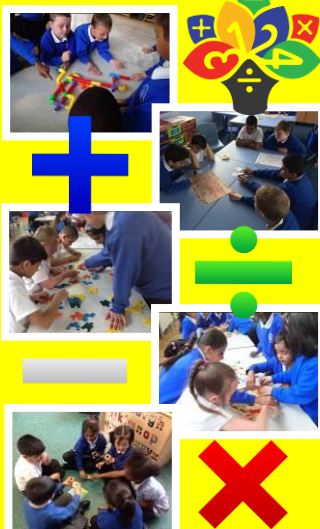


SUMMER TERM 2015/16
2ND HALF TERM



Summer

PROBLEM SOLVING WEEK!



This special week to promote problem solving and reasoning skills began with an assembly led by Miss Hardman where all classes were asked to solve numerous problems focussing on different skills. This included a problem involving McDonalds and chicken nuggets!!! We were joined by the Happy Puzzle Company on 17th-18th May 2016 when children were challenged to use their logical and mathematical reasoning to solve problems. The week ended with a celebration assembly, attended by Mr Maurice Smith (Director of Education for Manchester Diocese), of all the learning that had taken place throughout the week, including lots of solutions to our chicken nugget problem. What a fabulous week of learning!



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now the final half term of the year and we can't believe how quickly it is flying by!

At this time of year we would normally be saying 'I hope you're enjoying the sun', but we think this year it's more like, 'we hope you're not being washed away by the floods!' Let's hope the rain disappears soon and we have some lovely sunny weather.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half-term, we have lots of news to share about things that happened last half term and events that are coming up! As always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or if you have any concerns.

Thank you as always for your continued support!



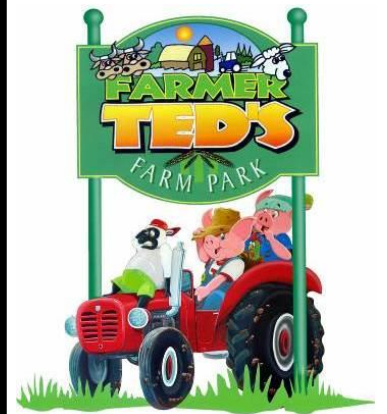
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR QUEEN!



On Friday 10th June we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday! We all wore red, white and blue for the day, did lots of fun birthday activities in our classes, sang 'God save the Queen' and even had a special celebration lunch outside!

Nursery News

This half term we will be learning all about farms, including animals found on the farm, what jobs farmers do and the types of food that come from a farm. Our trip to Smithill's Farm will form the basis of our learning this half term and Literacy work will be linked to this. We will also have a farm role play area in the classroom, so that children can pretend to work on the farm or be animals. In Maths we will be focusing on number as the main area of learning, counting up in 1s and 10s, working on number recognition and formation of numbers. In addition to this, we will be using number lines to find missing numbers as well as looking at capacity and how much liquid different containers hold. Phonics will be a focus on recognising and writing Phase 2 letters and sounds as well as segmenting and blending CVC words. We are currently looking at phase 3 digraphs too. In Nursery we are encouraging your child to be more independent, putting on and taking off their own coats as well as tidying up the areas they have been working in themselves, so we would be grateful if you could also encourage more independence at home too.



Reception News



This half term we are doing lots of work around animals. The children have visited Farmer Ted's where they all got to go on a tractor ride, brush ponies and see lots of farm animals. We have been writing about our trip and talking about what our favourite animals were. We all had a fun day filled with lots of interesting and exciting activities. Our other Literacy topic this term is buildings. We have started looking at castles and have a castle role play area in the Reception room. The children have looked at what a King and Queen do in a castle become different characters. We will also be looking at different types of houses and sending letters to their own homes. In Maths we have been learning about money. We have a chocolate shop where the children have to find different amounts with coins. They then use this in the provision. We are still reinforcing adding and subtracting as this is part of the Early Learning Goal for Maths. The children will be counting in 10s, 5s and 2s and some of the other children in 3s and 4s. Over the next few weeks we will be recapping on everything we have been doing in Maths this year to get the children ready for Year 1 in September. In RE we are looking at stories Jesus told. We are looking at some of the stories in the Bible and what they mean. In PE we will be learning about control and safety and will even have the big blue climbing frame out where the children can climb up ladders and move along it by balancing. This half term we will also have a transition day where the children will go into Year 1 to meet their new teacher. This year seems to have gone by very fast! Please make sure they read their reading book each day and complete their homework. There are also WOW cards available in Reception for parents to write on if they are really proud of what their child has done. They are then put into the children's learning journeys. We know that this half term will be filled with lots of hard work, but also lots of fun! We even have a doctor's role play coming soon.

Year 1 News

We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this last half term. All the children have worked extremely hard on their phonics this year and it has been lovely to see their determination and enthusiasm. In English this term we will be focusing on superheroes, fact and fiction, poetry and fairy tales. The children will continue to work on their punctuation, vocabulary, and presentation. If there are any opportunities for the children to practise their writing at home this would be brilliant, and will also help with their creative imaginations! In Maths the children will be learning about fractions, time, multiplication, division and position and direction. We will also continue to work on our problem solving and reasoning skills. In History, our topic this term is 'What was life like when our grandparents were children?' As a part of this topic we will be looking at how life has changed over the decades and comparing things such as school, transportation, food, and clothing from the past to now. We will also be visiting Queen Street Mill as part of this topic to observe what life was like during the Victorian era.



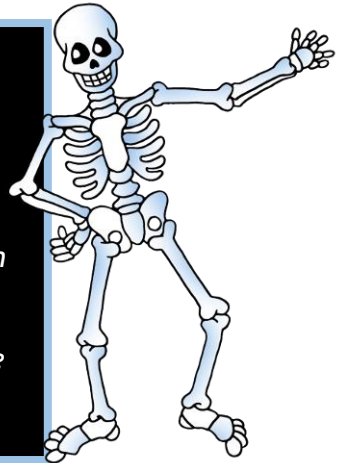
Year 2 News



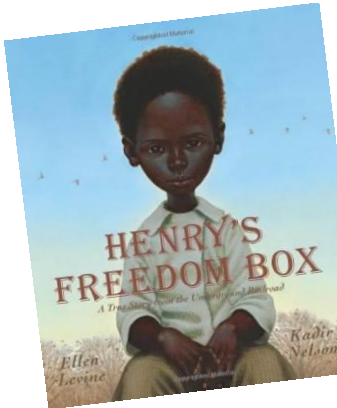
We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term after working so hard towards the SAT's and because it's their last half term before they move into Year 3 in September! In English we will be starting with Quest stories. The children will explore lots of exciting vocabulary that can be used when writing about adventure! This is a great opportunity for them to use their imaginations - reading more books at home would benefit your child during this topic. This in turn will allow the children to produce some exciting writing ready for their writing journals. Maths this term will concentrate on solving word problems using the 4 operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will look at the many different methods that we have used to solve word problems and use their reasoning skills to explain their answers. Year 2 are really enjoying problem solving! In Science we continue to look at living things and their habitats - why not ask your child what they have learnt so far. We have looked at living and non-living things, MRS NERG, and discussed herbivores, carnivores and omnivores! In Geography this half term we will be looking at our local area and comparing it with coastal, rainforest, dry (desert) and world city locations. We are really looking forward to visiting the Town Hall for our Year 2 Banner service this half term along with our end of year exciting trip to Blackpool Zoo!

Year 3 News

Welcome back to school after the Half Term holidays! This second half of the Summer Term, we will be focusing on non-fiction texts and ending with poetry. We will be writing our own recounts, non-chronological reports and poems. In Maths, we will be learning about shape, fractions, addition, multiplication, division and place value. Also we will be consolidating our learning in preparation for Year 4. In Science, Year 3 will be focusing on Animals including Humans. We will be looking at healthy eating and what makes a balanced diet. Then moving on to learning about human and animal skeletons. Our Geography topic will see us answering the question - 'Do you like to be beside the seaside?' We would appreciate any pictures of you at the seaside we can add to our display within the classroom. We will be looking into how to change the world and religious art within Religious Education. We are excited for a fun final half term!



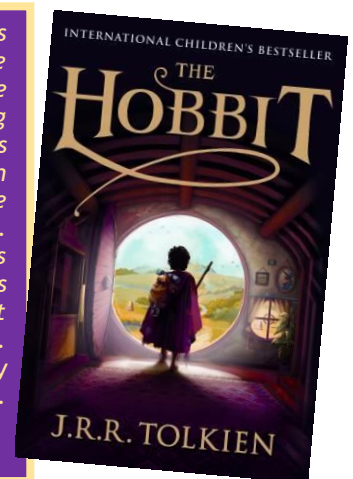
Year 4 News



Year 4 have made an excellent start to their last half term. The children settled quickly back to work and are behaving with a maturity that shows they are getting ready for Year 5! Our swimming lessons continue this term. Swimming is an essential life skill, you could help your child by taking them swimming at weekends or over the upcoming summer holidays. In English, we have just finished our second poetry unit and are just beginning a true story about a slave called Henry in 'Henry's Freedom Box'. This will help us to write in chronological order. During Maths, we have been looking at shapes, angles and symmetry and are moving on to look at time and time graphs in everyday life. Later on this term we will be revisiting fractions and linking them to decimals and division. In RE children are considering the Big Question "What Matters Most?" looking into the values of love, trust, honesty and caring. Our geography theme is about a Great American Road Trip and with Art lessons using textiles, this term is shaping up to be an exciting one. The children have worked very hard this year. The whole of the Year 4 team are impressed with the progress they have made. We have enjoyed teaching them and wish them every success in Year 5.

Year 5 News

We hope the children have had an enjoyable sunny half term and are ready for all the exciting things we will be doing this half term. In English this half term we will be studying J.R.R Tolkien's "The Hobbit" with a focus on the following genres of writing; diary/ letter writing, poetry, descriptive writing (narratives) and instructional writing. So far the children have enjoyed reading and analysing chapter 1 and comparing it to a clip from the film. Through this we hope to enhance all the children's vocabulary and encourage them to use the Word of the Week in their writing. Our focus this half term will be mainly on the four rules of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and we will also look at BODMAS (Brackets, Order/ Indices, Division, Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction). Even though there are improvements, we still strongly encourage all children to revise their times tables every evening, ready for weekly multiplication tests. Children must know all their times tables up to 12 x 12, including the inverse (e.g. $64 \div 8 = 8$). New curriculum changes mean that the current Year 5 will be the first to sit a National Times Tables test when they come to sit their SATs in Year 6. Our RE curriculum this term will look at how Christians celebrate Pentecost, as this is seen historically as the birth of the Christian Church. We will look at this event within Christianity and other religions. We hope the children enjoy their last term of Year 5, ready for their transition into Year 6.



Year 6 News



We are extremely proud of our children as they tackled the SATs with maturity, confidence and determination. Learning does not stop here! We have plenty of exciting lessons planned to prepare the children for their transition to secondary school. In English lessons we are focussing on producing one quality piece of writing each week so we will be looking at different text types this half-term. During Maths lessons there will be a huge focus on problem solving, investigations and reasoning. In RE we are exploring different ideas about God. In DT we are completing an enterprise unit of work, where in teams children have been given a budget of £5. They have to use this to buy ingredients to make biscuits and then sell them to make a profit! As part of our Art and Design work, we will be designing banners for church. The winning one will accompany us to the leavers' service in July. We are all very excited about our residential to London. The children will learn all about our capital city and the famous buildings and landmarks that are there. We will be visiting Harry Potter studios, going on the London Eye, a river boat cruise and watching the changing of the guard outside St. James' Palace as well as many other activities.



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CELEBRATION OF FAITH



Some of our Year 6 children represented our school at Rochdale Town Hall at the Celebration of Faith event on Thursday 9th June. We had the opportunity to interview local leaders in Rochdale, including the Mayoress - Mrs Elaine Dutton. We displayed and shared the work we had done on Queen Elizabeth II as a servant leader for our country.

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Don't forget our online parent payment portal. It can make it a lot easier to make payments for such things as dinners, trips etc. There is an easy link on the 'Home Page' of our website. You should have received a letter with information about setting up an account, if you have any difficulty please just talk to the school office!



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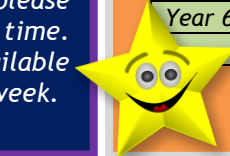
NO PARKING

Due to the narrowness of the road and congestion, we ask that you do not park on Muriel Street when dropping off or collecting your child. Parents are allowed to use Gordon Riggs car park or the layby opposite.



PUNCTUALITY

Our school day starts at 8.50am, please ensure your child is at school on time. We have a breakfast club available from 8am at a cost of £2.50 per week.



ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?

This year our attendance target is 96%

Nursery	91.9%		
Rec RC	94.4%	Rec RM	95.4%
Year 1K	95.3%	Year 1M	96.2%
Year 2B	96.2%	Year 2G	96.4%
Year 3H	95.8%	Year 3M	96.4%
Year 4C	96.7%	Year 4J	96.8%
Year 5W	96.3%	Year 5T	96.6%
Year 6M	96.6%	Year 6H	97.3%
Whole School			95.9%

Well Done!



Headteacher Message

A huge welcome back to school for the last half term of this academic year, I can't believe how quickly the year is going! We are looking forward to many things in this incredibly busy final half term including; sports days, St Peter's Feast Fun Day, Year 6 London Trip and of course we will be sharing your child's progress with you in our annual reports to parents. As well as all of this we will be holding a transition day to give your child the opportunity to meet their next teacher. More details about these events will be sent out to you soon.

We have suffered recently from the heavy rain, with some areas of the roof leaking and other areas flooding. However, damage has been kept to a minimum and the areas are being investigated so that work can be carried out to ensure it doesn't happen again (if we have more heavy rain)! As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Mr A Whelan