

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2016/17
1ST HALF TERM**



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a really lovely Easter break and enjoyed spending time with your children during the two weeks' holiday.

It is now the summer term and the nice weather seems to have arrived. It feels like the year is going by very quickly! We have lots of news about things that happened last half term and events that are coming up!

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half-term and 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!



Ofsted

We were delighted to be joined by Ofsted on 25th and 26th April, as they inspected our school. It was a great opportunity to show how fantastic we are!

Everyone worked so hard and the inspectors were very impressed.

The full report should be with us in a few days and we will send out a copy when we receive it.

Well done!



DANCE FESTIVAL



We were delighted to attend the Rochdale School Dance Festival at Middleton Arena on the 27th April. The theme for this year's festival was 'Famous Musicals' and we took part in a performance of the Lion King that had been choreographed by Mrs Harrop and Miss Kyte. There were fourteen other schools competing at the dance festival with children of all different ages. The girls performed brilliantly and came 3rd in the competition! Watch the video of the performance on our school website!

Nursery News

This half term has been very busy so far in Nursery and we have lots more exciting activities planned over the next few weeks. The children (and Mrs Willigl!) have settled into Nursery well after the Easter break and have enjoyed learning all about mini-beasts! Our new theme has given us lots of opportunities to explore outside in the sunshine and we have already enjoyed hunting for mini-beasts, building our own bug hotels and discussing where different mini-beasts may live. During our Literacy sessions, we will be focussing on non-fiction writing; our nursery reading area is now full of books all about mini-beasts for us to enjoy. The children will be encouraged to talk about the mini-beasts that they have seen and to use their phonics knowledge to write facts about their favourite bugs! We will also be reading some brilliant stories, such as 'Norman, the Slug with the Silly Shell!' Maths this half term will focus on number, counting, ordering and shape. It would be brilliant if you could continue to practise counting and number recognition with your child at home. In RE this half term, we will be learning all about friendship; encouraging the children to think about and discuss what makes a good friend, as well as reading different Bible stories related to Jesus and friendship. It has been lovely getting to know you all over the last few weeks. If you need to speak to any of the Nursery Team at any point, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.



Reception News

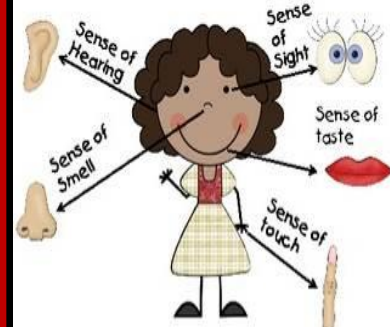


We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for this half term. We have begun by reading the 'The Naughty Bus' and learning about different kinds of vehicles and transport. The Naughty Bus has been causing havoc in our classroom and PC Bill had to come to investigate. We will be visiting Ashton Bus Depot to learn more about buses and we can't wait to go through the bus wash! In Literacy we will be applying our phonics in order to write captions and labels. In Maths we will be exploring addition and counting, this will be alongside money, time and measures. We are learning how to make progress in Reading and Writing through our daily Phonics lessons and Guided Reading sessions. In RE the children will be exploring the concept of Friendship, how important it is and who were the friends of Jesus. In our thematic learning we will be exploring transport, vehicles, pond life, being safe on the road alongside going with the children's interests too. Please make sure your child is reading at home and record this in their reading record. We change books once a week on a Friday so please make sure that books are ready to be changed. Please let us know what your child is up to at home and send us in the WOW cards which are available in the Reception entrance.

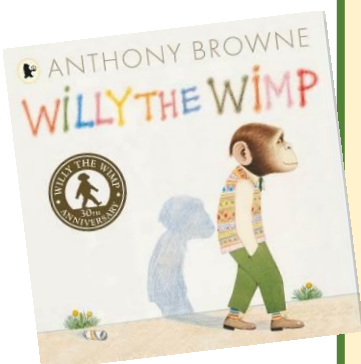
Year 1 News

This term in year 1 we have lots of exciting and interesting activities planned! In English we will be looking at fairy and fantasy stories before moving onto letters, information texts and poetry. In maths the children will be focusing on fractions, 3D shapes, money, time, and addition and subtraction. We will also be moving on to multiplication and division during this term. In science we are moving on to a new topic which will be humans and animals. We will be learning about the different parts of the human body, the five senses, animal families, and the similarities and differences between humans and animals. As the year 1 phonics screening test is fast approaching, we will be continuing to work and focus on our sounding out and blending skills. The children have been working hard on their phonics skills and we would like this to continue. Please continue to help and support the children with their phonics at home. You can use the phonics resource pack that you received, however if you would like more phonics resources please feel free to ask the year 1 teachers. Alternatively, there are links to phonics websites on the school website which can be found on the 1K and 1S class pages. PE lessons are on Monday, Thursday and Friday (1K) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (1S). Please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school.

The Five Senses



Year 2 News



Welcome back and we hope you have all had a relaxing break. We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term. In English we will be starting with Stories written by Anthony Browne. Through this theme the children will explore the different kinds of emotions and how to deal with them. The children will read a variety of books including Willy the Wimp, Into the Forest and Gorilla to name but a few. This in turn will allow the children to produce some exciting writing. Maths this term we will concentrate on Data Handling and Fractions, along with Multiplication and Division facts. Remember to learn those times tables' facts! Our Science topic will be all about Living Things and Their Habitats, including looking at the differences between living and non-living things. We will be doing lots of investigative work outside and so hope to have lots of fun! This term's History will focus on the great explorers of our time. We will research and find out about many different explorers who have made an impact on society as we know it today. Outdoor PE is on a Tuesday morning and indoor PE is on a Wednesday and Monday. Please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school at all times. As you can see we have a busy, fun-filled half term ahead of us!

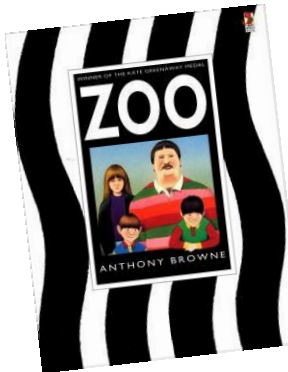
Year 3 News

We will be continuing to focus on Harry Potter for this next half term. We will be spending the first three weeks looking at play scripts and then moving on to persuasive writing. In the final week we will be looking at shape poetry. We will also be continuing to look at grammar, as we need to improve our understanding of completing and punctuating sentences. In Science, Year 3 will be focusing on Forces and Magnets and will even create their own magnet! Our History topic will see us answering the question – ‘How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?’ We have a fun trip to Touchstones planned where we will enjoy learning more about the Ancient Egyptians. In DT we will be looking at packaging, focusing on seaside picnics. We will also be looking at designing healthy food which could be put inside the packaging. Computing will see us become communicators! We will be using emails to communicate with our partner and creating a presentation on what we are learning about in class. We will then be presenting our presentations to the class; we will also be looking at using video conferencing. Our focus in RE will be ‘Rules for Living’. We will look closely at the Ten Commandments and how they link with our modern laws. We will also be discussing the difference between rules and laws.

God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6 Rest 1
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours, Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of Other People's Stuff

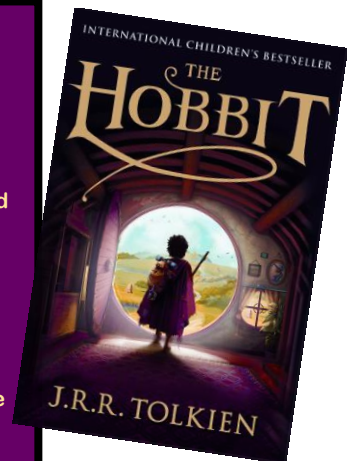
Year 4 News



Wow – A new term already! We are very excited about this term and have many things we need to achieve before we are ready for Year 5. In English we are debating about Zoos at the moment, are they good or bad? We all thought they were fantastic until we began to consider an alternative point of view whilst reading Anthony Browne’s book “Zoo.” We are looking at all points of view and will be writing a balanced argument at the end of the Unit. Later on in the term we will look at the Poems of Edward Lear, (Which are a load of nonsense,) and the Books of David Walliams which are very funny. In Maths we continue to challenge and stretch ourselves using problem solving techniques. We have been securing our knowledge of compact subtraction this week. This is a method most parents will probably be familiar with. In Science we are looking at Animals including Humans. Watch out for the children telling you all about dental hygiene and what foods they should avoid to protect their teeth. We are pleased with the number of children now wishing to change their reading books.

Year 5 News

In English this half term we will be starting off by analysing ‘What Do You Want To Be’ by Wilf Merttens. The children will use Merttens’ style of poetry to plan, write and perform their own poems about hopes for their future careers. Year 5 will then move on to a non-fiction unit. During the unit we will read a selection of fascinating letters, both formal and informal, from different periods of history. The children will learn to recognise and use modal verbs, and find out about the correct use of colons, semi colons and dashes. Our history topic this term will be focusing on the Vikings; to link with this we will end out term by reading The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien, investigating settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. In Maths we will start with properties of shape: measuring angles, calculating angles and exploring regular and irregular polygons. This will be followed up with a week each fractions, decimals and percentages. In Science we will be looking at materials, we will be conducting lots of practical experiments which will deepen our previous knowledge about materials. For RE Year 5 will gain greater understanding of the lives and resilience of the early Christians. To realise the significance of the life of St Paul and the concept of mission. The children will also learn basic facts about how Christianity came to Britain. Our topic work will move towards History, the children will investigate the world of the Vikings and discover how we know how the Vikings lived. In Computing Year 5 will be web developers. We will work together to create a website explaining e- safety and responsible online behaviour. The DT topic will move onto a food element where we will be looking closely at bread. We will experience different types and bread and learn how to make it using a basic recipe. Art moves on to looking at printing, focusing in on the work of Hokusai.



Year 6 News



Welcome back after the Easter break. This will be an extremely exciting term for all the children in Year 6. Over the course of this half term, the children will be learning lots of new and invigorating things across the curriculum ready for SATs on the 8th May! In English, children will be focussing on different genres of writing where the children have the opportunity to edit and redraft their work; ensuring each piece of writing shows their true potential. In Maths we are consolidating our learning, extending our knowledge to ensure we are able to apply this in all contexts. In RE we will be learning all about ‘The Ascension and Pentecost’ and questioning ‘Who is the Holy Spirit?’ - looking at the time after Jesus’ death and why this is such a special time for Christians. We also have a visit to a Hindu temple planned, where we will be learning lots of new interesting facts about Hinduism and taking part in a brilliant workshop. Exciting! In Geography we will be thinking out how humans impact the ‘health’ of the planet and what can be done to help ‘save’ the planet.



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REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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 just talk to the school office!



IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF POORLY

Please remember to call the office each day if your child is going to be absent from school.

IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE

If any of your details change, eg. Free School Meal status, contact numbers etc. please let us know so we can update our records.



EASTER BONNET PARADE

Just before we broke up the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely Easter Bonnet Parade in the school hall! The children sang some Easter songs and paraded in their bonnets for mums and dads to see!



DECORATED EGGS



Just before we broke up the Junior children had an 'eggciting' time decorating eggs! There were some 'eggceptional' creations and everyone had a 'cracking' time!

Important Visitors!

We have been very lucky recently to welcome a number of special visitors to our school, G Hopper (Director of Children's Services, Rochdale), G Barratt (Head of Schools, Rochdale), G Windsor (Education, Rochdale), Canon M Smith (Director of Education, Manchester Diocese) and N Fazackerley (Senior Performance & Achievement Officer, Rochdale). They all had a full tour of the school and visited every class, and were very impressed with everything they saw. They praised the school, commenting on how well behaved and polite our pupils are, how hard our staff work and what a lovely learning environment we have. We should all be very proud! Well Done!

Mrs Sutton (Chair of Governors)

ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?

This year our attendance target is 96%

Nursery	90.6%		
Rec RM	95.3%	Rec RF	95.8%
Year 1K	94.5%	Year 1S	96.4%
Year 2M	95.4%	Year 2G	94.9%
Year 3B	97.2%	Year 3N	96.6%
Year 4C	96.6%	Year 4M	96.6%
Year 5M	97.8%	Year 5J	96.9%
Year 6H	96.7%	Year 6W	97.2%
Whole School			96.0%

Well Done!

Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school for the first half of the summer term, I can't believe how quickly the year is going! We've got a busy term ahead, especially our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be taking their Key Stage SATs tests and Year 1 who will be doing their phonics test. Tests for the Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 8th May.

I was, of course, delighted with our recent Ofsted inspection which allowed us to shine and show what a fantastic school we are, congratulations to everyone, I am excited to read the full report! 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