

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2020/21
2ND HALF TERM**



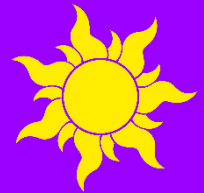
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now the final half term of the year and we can't believe how quickly this year has flown by!

We have been extremely lucky with the sun shining down on us on most days. It has been lovely and warm; the children have loved being able to play on the field, and fully utilising the grounds at break times and lunchtimes.

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 and we hope you have a fantastic summer!



Dates for your Diaries

St Peter's Feast Day
Tuesday 29th June



Transition Day
Friday 9th July



Year 6 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 14th July - 5.00PM



**Year 6 Leaver's
Assembly**
Friday 16th July

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Year 6 Leavers' Service

This year has looked very different to other years, and the Diocese is preparing an alternative version of the Year 6 Leavers' service which would usually be held at Manchester Cathedral.

As part of the services in the cathedral, there would usually be a procession of banners with the Year 6 children - this year it is being done via film! We have been asked to send pictures of our banner in preparation for this. We thought you would like to see our Year 6s' with the banner.

We would like to wish all our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on in their journey to their respective high schools! We will miss you all!



Nursery News

I would like to start by welcoming all our families back after the half term holiday and we hope you've all had a restful break enjoying the sunshine! Our New topic this term is called 'Real Life Superheroes'. The first book that we will be looking at is 'Awesome Engines - Emergency'. This book will help the children to learn all about the people who help us including Firefighters, Police Officers, Doctors and Nurses. During this topic the children will be encouraged to think about what occupation they would like when they grow up.

In RE we are starting the topic 'How God Created the World', we will be thinking about how God created all the wonderful things including us! We will be retelling the story using musical instruments. Throughout the term we will be listening to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learning to recognise numbers, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards, learning how to form the letters correctly. These are all things that children should also be practising at home. We will continue to send your children home with a weekly home learning challenge, please complete the tasks each week. This will help to improve your children's learning further. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff. Thank you for your continued support.



Reception News

Welcome back to our last half term in Reception! We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed making memories as a family, we love hearing about all of the wonderful things the children have been up to. This half term our topic is ... Superheroes! We will start the half term with the story 'Supertato', in this story an Evil Pea is on the loose, can we help catch him?! The children will be making their own traps, labelling them and also writing sentences about how they work! We will then move onto 'There is no Dragon in this Story', where we might see characters that we recognise from some familiar stories. Our role play area has also been transformed into a hospital! The children are really enjoying pretending to be doctors and nurses, we have been discussing how they are our real life superheroes! In Maths we will recap 3D shapes and encourage the children to use language such as 'vertices' 'faces' and 'edges' to describe them. The children will also be working hard to solve word problems, including halving, sharing and doubling, using practical resources to help them. Our RE topic is Friendship, we will be learning all about what makes a good friend, who our friends are and who Jesus' friends were and what Jesus and his friends liked to do together. We would like to again stress the importance of reading with your child at home, we can see the progress the children are making from reading at home, so please continue to allow your child to read their book to you or an older sibling.



Year 1 News

Welcome back to the final term of Year One! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing week off. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this last half term. Our topic in RE is 'My world Jesus world,' where the children will be exploring what life was like when Jesus - God the Son was alive on earth. We will learn about the human nature and experience of Jesus as he lived in the world at that time. This topic will allow children to discover how the world has changed. In English this term we will be focusing on fantasy stories looking at superheroes, poetry and instructions. 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 time, multiplication, division, using number facts to add/subtract money and position and direction. We will also continue to work on our problem solving and reasoning skills. We will begin a new topic in science looking at the different seasons focusing on weather, clothes, special events and months in each season. We also have a very exciting job as we are growing our own carrots and lettuce in our allotment. This will follow on from our plant topic last term. In history we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and how Florence Nightingale views nursing today. As part of this topic we will be looking at how life has changed over the decades and comparing things such as nurses uniform, equipment, resources and hospitals. We will also look at how Britain has been influenced by the wider world. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Year One team.



Year 2 News

Welcome back Year 2 to our final half term! We have a fun packed half term planned, with lots of learning and fun! In RE we will be focusing on ascension and Pentecost. Our learning will be focused around many 'Big Questions' such as: Where did Jesus ascend to? What happened at Pentecost? How does it feel when we say goodbye? In English, we are really excited to introduce our new book 'The Pirates Next Door'. This book will have many rhyming words making it extremely enjoyable to read. The children will be making predictions about the book and creating character descriptions. Towards the end of this half term, we will look at a non-fiction and a poetry unit. In maths, we will begin by solving fractions of amounts by using our understanding of times tables. We will then move onto time, understanding how to tell the time to the quarter of an hour. We will also be continuing with our Mad Minutes challenge, so keep practising! Our new Science topic is Living Things and their Habitat with a focus on food chains. We will create our own food chains and perform investigations. In our History topic we will be discussing the question 'Who are the Greatest Explorers?' The children will focus on four explorers (Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus, David Livingstone and Sir Edmund Hillary). What did these explorers do? Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 2 team if you have any further questions or require any support.



Year 3 News

Welcome back to the last term of what has been a very challenging school year. The children have been amazing and we are amazed by their sense of resilience and maturity this school year. As always we have a packed Summer term full of lots of exciting and challenging things for the children to do. In RE, we will be looking at the Lord's Prayer in detail and its significance to Christians around the world. Children will identify and understand the importance of this prayer. Maths will focus on the 4 operations $+$, $-$, \times and \div . They will learn the short methods for addition, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at adding and subtracting fraction amounts. In English the children will reinforce their understanding of Poetry, recognising the features that are required when writing a poem. They will be introduced to Roald Dahl's play about The Witches and look at dialogue in writing. Forces and Magnets is the Science topic for this term. They will look at the properties of Magnets and how they work. In History, we will be carrying on from Spring 2 where we looked at the Roman invasion and understand the impact they had on our local area. The area we will be focusing on will be Chester where the Romans had a huge impact and influence. Please can you encourage your children to read at home as much as possible. This is vital to their success at school and will benefit them greatly. Even if it is only a small amount every day. There has been a great effort so far on reading but we can always do more!



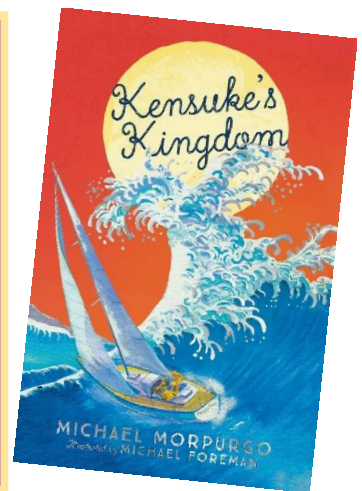
Year 4 News



Oh my goodness it's our final half term of Year 4 and there's lots to do! Of course we will continue swimming and there will be some of the usual end of year activities such as St Peter's Feast Day. We will also be concluding our Linking Network Programme with St Joseph's, Heywood. Although we haven't been able to complete the usual linking events, such as visiting each other's school, we have still to complete some interesting reflective activities. In Maths, we will be completing some of the final units in geometry: angles, symmetry, quadrilaterals, and triangles. For the final few weeks we will revisit some topics and concepts that were taught earlier and needed some polishing, particularly those taught during online learning. In English, we begin by looking at Tudor information texts which link to our new History topic. The aim is to write a non-chronological report. After this, we move on to reading and exploring 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We end the year with reading some nonsense poetry by Edward Lear. Science learning explores Sound and is the second physics topic of the year. Here, we explore how sounds are made and what can affect the pitch and the volume of a sound. In RE, we begin with a new Health and Relationships unit and follow that by exploring artwork and religion. Finally, we truly hope that you have all enjoyed your year with us and we look forward to a hard but rewarding final term.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! For RE Year 5 will explore multi-cultural Christianity. During this unit, we will talk and think about the first Christians and the spread of Christianity. The children will be given a simple introduction to understanding Christianity as a Multi-cultural and worldwide faith. Some key questions we will be investigating are: How has the story of Jesus been spread around the world? Why does Jesus look different in all the pictures? In English this half term, we will begin our term by reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, investigating settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. We will then move onto using texts about electronic equipment to introduce features of a non-chronological report. And finally, ending the year with a persuasive text, analysing adverts and political speeches using, focusing on modal verbs. In Maths, we will start by ordering and comparing decimal numbers, and then the children will use this skill and apply it to problem solving activities, including the use of percentages and decimals. We will then move onto analysing data from graphs. This will be followed by an assessment week which will give the children an opportunity to show off what they have learnt. Finally, we will focus on metric and imperial units. For our Science Unit, Year Five will look at the unit of forces. I won't give too much away, but expect experiments and investigations with parachutes! Why didn't the first Christians give up when telling the story was so hard? Why does the artwork reflect the culture? In what way does the artwork reflect the culture? Our topic work will move towards History, by investigating the big question 'Who were the Rochdale pioneers?' In this unit, the children will explore the beginning of the co-operative movement and how this started in their hometown!



Year 6 News



Welcome back to the final term of Year 6! We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this last half term. Over the course of this half term the children will be working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. This half term within R.E, we will be focusing on 'Ascension and Pentecost' and sharing our thoughts as a class. The children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. The Christian Value we will explore is 'Respect'. Within English, we will be focusing 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. We will start by looking at 'The Eighteenth Emergency' by Betsy Byars, thinking about writing an alternative ending, we will also be reading the story in class and basing our writing around it. We will be using the thoughts and feelings of the characters to produce our writing. We will then move on to looking at newspaper articles and ending the year looking at poems. Within maths, we will begin with place value, thinking about rounding. Then we will move onto looking at fraction and percentages of amounts. Children will be taking part in Accelerated Maths and answer questions that are marked automatically and then are tested at the end. We will continue with the competition between the classes on TT Rock stars, and we will see which class wins just before the end of the term. Within science, we will be looking at electricity. Children will get the opportunity to observe how electricity works and thinking about how a circuit is formed correctly. Within History, we will be looking at modern Britain and thinking about 'How has life changed in modern Britain?'. We will be learning about important events that have happened within modern Britain and how that has changed our lives today. Thank you for all your support.



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St Peter's Day

It's been a couple of years since our last St Peter's Day - due to the school closures - but this year we will be able to celebrate the feast day of our school's namesake. We will be having a fantastic day with the children being able to watch a magic show with magician - Dazzling Darren; the children will be able to come into school in their own clothes and will be treated to an ice-cream from the ice-cream van!



SEND Updates

Hello everyone, Mrs Stubbs here! I am the non-class based Special Educational Needs Coordinator at St Peter's, as of January 2021. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of our fantastic children and staff at St Peter's this term and I am so looking forward to meeting parents in person, once it is safe to do so!



My main role is to manage the provision for children across school who may have additional learning needs, and to support and work in partnership with children, staff, agencies and parents to help children make progress in line with their ability. I am also passionate about supporting children's Mental Health and I keep the children at the heart of everything that I do. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through the school office.

Spiritual Reflection Garden

It has been so nice to see the staff and children making full use of the spiritual reflection area within the school grounds. This gives the children the opportunities to take a moment of stillness and tranquillity to reflect on their learning, their daily lives and an opportunity to talk to God.



School Office Reminders

If you have changed any of your telephone numbers or you have changed your address recently, it is really important that you update school with these details in case of an emergency.

If there are other family members you would be happy for us to get in touch with when we are unable to reach you, please feel free to give their contact details - the more contacts the better.



ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?
This year our attendance target is 96%

Nursery	91.0%		
Rec RM	95.1%	Rec RK	93.6%
Year 1S	96.4%	Year 1K	95.6%
Year 2W	96.6%	Year 2F	95.3%
Year 3G	95.9%	Year 3H	96.3%
Year 4C	95.3%	Year 4J	96.7%
Year 5F	93.6%	Year 5M	95.5%
Year 6H	96.0%	Year 6N	95.7%
Whole School			95.4%

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 St Peter's Feast Fun Day, 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.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so supportive during what has been an extremely challenging time for everybody. It really is appreciated. As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education. I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mr A Whelan