

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2023

SPRING TERM 2022/23
1ST HALF TERM



Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of this New Year we warmly welcome you back to St Peter's and wish you a very happy, healthy and successful 2023!

We hope that you and your family had a fantastic Christmas holiday and you really enjoyed spending time together, sharing the joy and magic of the festive season.

In this half term's newsletter, we will be telling you about events that have taken place and about some of the things we have planned for the weeks ahead.

As always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or have any concerns.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

January

Class Assembly Dates

12th Jan - Year 3W
19th Jan - Year 2H
26th Jan - Year 1A
02nd Feb - Year 5F
09th Feb - Year 4C
16th Feb - Year 3G

Half Term

09th Mar - Year 1K
16th Mar - Year 2F
23rd Mar - Year 5H
30th Mar - Year 4J

Easter Holiday

27th April - Year 3W
04th May - Year 2H
11th May - Year 1A
18th May - Year RP
25th May - Year RK

Half Term

15th June - Nursery (am)
22nd June - Nursery (pm)

Please come and join us
for your child's class
assembly!
Assemblies start at
9.05am



On the 30th November and 1st December, Ofsted came to St Peter's to inspect the school and now the report has been published we are delighted by how it recognises how much of a fantastic school we are.

Look below to see a few phrases that make us very proud to be part of a school with such wonderful children, dedicated staff, supportive parents and knowledgeable governors;

- ❖ Pupils behave extremely well both in lessons and at breaktimes.
- ❖ Pupils manners are impeccable. They treat each other with the utmost respect.
- ❖ Leaders have very high expectations of pupils' conduct and behaviour.
- ❖ Leaders and staff have worked hard to create an ambitious and broad curriculum which ignites pupils' interest in their learning.
- ❖ Children and pupils listen attentively to their teachers. They are highly eager to learn.
- ❖ Leaders have the same high ambition for pupils with SEND as for other learners.
- ❖ Pupils have extremely positive attitudes to reading.
- ❖ Leaders leave no stone unturned in their quest to ensure that pupils are safe.
- ❖ Governors have a range of skills and experience to perform their roles effectively.
- ❖ Staff are very proud to work at the school.

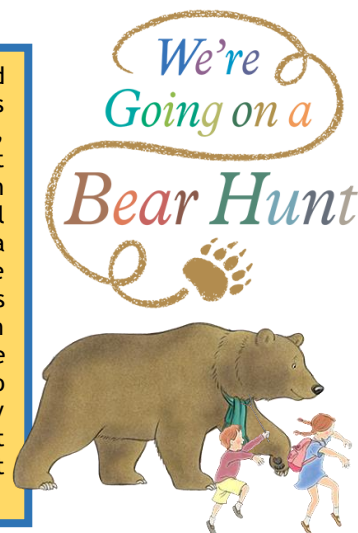


Ofsted
Good
Provider

'Pupils, including children in the early years, thrive at this popular and welcoming school. They love to come to school each day. Leaders and staff have created a caring community where pupils feel valued, happy and safe.'

Nursery News

I would like to start by wishing all our families a very Happy New Year. The children have all returned with a very positive learning attitude and ready for the busy term ahead. Our topic this half term is 'Journeys'. Our first story will be 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, followed by 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. Children will be encouraged to talk about journeys that they have taken and name some of the things that they have seen on the way. They will also learn about positional language using words like under, over, up and on top. Throughout this term we will continue to listen to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learning to recognise numbers 1-10, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards, recognising and copying our names. These are all things that children should be practising at home. In RE we will be listening to stories that Jesus heard and also listening to stories that Jesus told others, for example 'The creation story'. Children will learn how God created the world in 6 days and what he created on each day. Children will be asked to bring in their own favourite stories to share with their friends in Nursery. We will continue to send a 'home learning challenge' each week and this term we will also be sending home a weekly library book for the children to share with their family. Reading with your children is very important as they learn new words and improve their literacy skills. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery team. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Reception News



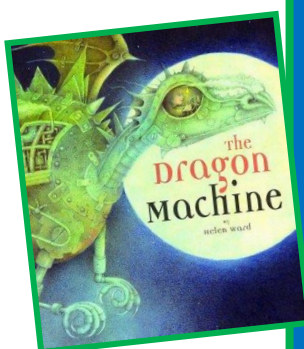
Welcome back to another fun filled half term, we hope you hope you had a great break, making lots of memories together and are ready for another exciting half term in Reception! This half term our topic is 'Journeys', we will start by learning about a winter journey in 'One Winter's Day', recognising the changes that happen in winter and learning new vocabulary such as 'hibernation'. We will then move onto the story 'The Naughty Bus', before exploring in space in 'Whatever Next' and looking at some non-fiction books relating to the Moon. The children will be having lots of fun learning about Winter as we go on our half termly season walk. The children are hoping we also get some snow to play in! In Maths we will be learning our number bonds in a variety of different ways to encourage the children to explore these practically. We will also begin to describe 3D shapes and notice them in our environment both indoors and outside. This half term our RE topic is Stories Jesus heard and told, this will include listening to different parables such as Noah's Ark, The Two Builders Parable and the story of Baby Moses. We will be acting out the stories in order to explore their deeper meaning. Please continue to encourage your child to use their phonics when reading at home, we are super impressed with how the children are doing.

Year 1 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have got lots of interesting and exciting things planned over the next few weeks in Year One. In RE this term we will be looking at our new topic of 'Jesus was special'. This will involve us looking at his life and ministry. Over the course of this topic children will come to understand what made Jesus special, who Jesus's close friends and followers were and all of the different miracles that Jesus performed throughout his life. We will be learning all about people and their communities in Geography and discovering new information about various cities and islands from around the world. In Art we will be looking at the topic of 'tackling textiles' and will be developing skills such as weaving. In Science we are going to be learning about humans and animals, comparing the similarities and differences and developing an understanding of our own body's and our life cycle. In English we will be reading traditional tales, funny poems, letters and learning to write instructions. This term we are going to be focusing on using adjectives and verbs in our writing to make our sentences more interesting. We are going to continue building our knowledge of number in Maths, including place value, addition, subtraction and number sequences. We will also learn more about time and money and begin measuring lengths and weights. Please come and speak to one of the team if you need anything.



Year 2 News



Welcome back to the Spring term! In maths, we will begin by focusing on the properties of numbers and then move onto fractions of amounts. Would you rather have half a cake or a quarter? We will also be doing a weekly 'MAD MINUTES' sessions, where the children are timed whilst completing their times tables. Ready, steady, get practising! In English, we are focusing on the book 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children will be making predictions, exploring unfamiliar words, ordering the events of the story and answering comprehension questions. Towards the end of this half term, we will be looking at instructions. In Geography, our topic is 'Where does our food come from?' Throughout this topic, we will be exploring how food is made and the process of how our food gets to the shops from farms. What is used to make bread? Our Science topic is 'Animals including Humans'. We will look at the life cycles of different animals and explore the different organs in our bodies. In RE, we will be focusing on the topic 'The Bible'. Our learning will be focused around many 'Big Questions' and we will be discussing how the Bible is separated into two sections - the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Year 3 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a relaxing time and are refreshed as we have lots of interesting and exciting things planned over the next few weeks in Year 3. In RE our topic is "Jesus - The man who changed lives". We will be looking at important changes we have faced in our lives and reflecting on how this may change us as a person. We will be looking at the impact of Jesus on the world and individual's lives. How he helped them, how he changed them, how he saved them. Maths will see us continuing with important skills such as place value, recognising 3-digit numbers addition and subtraction as well as multiplication, division facts. Please continue to practise times tables at home as much as possible and encourage your children to access their Times Table Rock Stars accounts as a way of making this fun for them. In English we will be exploring fiction stories including imaginary worlds where we will be looking at the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. The children will write character descriptions and then write their own version of the story. We will also be looking at Greek myths and legends. This is a very exciting selection of topics as it involves a lot of the children's creativity and imagination. Science this half term is focusing on Animals including Humans. We will be looking at food, how we use it and what it does for our bodies and for other animals' bodies. In Geography, we are learning about climates around the world! We will learn about types of climate: temperate, desert, polar and tropical. We will also be creating our own 'triorama' of climates! Our Art topic this term will focus on investigating patterns in textiles and from different times and culture. The focus will be Islamic patterns. We will be looking at the intricacies of these patterns and how they are created. PE is on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days.



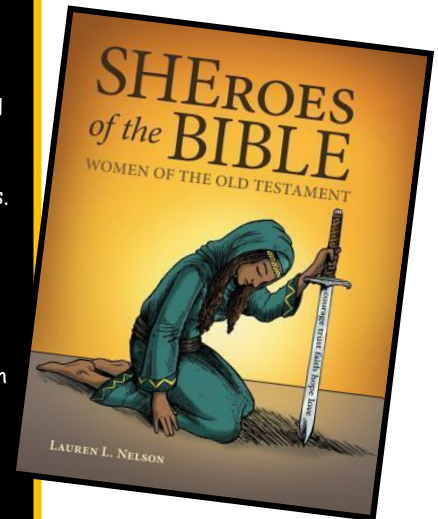
Year 4 News



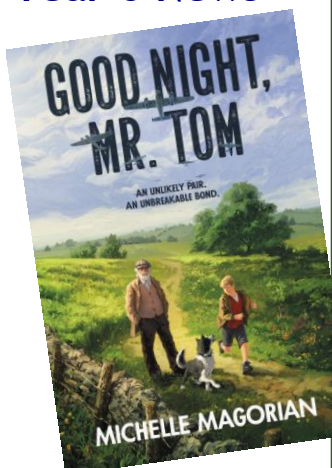
Welcome back in 2023! We are looking forward to some exciting topics and learning opportunities. The first term went by in a flash and this Spring term will go by very quickly too and hopefully by the end we will be back to some more familiar routines. The first half of the term in Geography, Year 4 will be 'Investigating Rivers' which links in our first Science unit of 'States of Matter'. In Science, we have the first of three biology units: Animals including Humans. This is a very hands-on topic where children study the human digestive system and human and animal teeth this builds on work in Year 3 on human nutrition, the skeleton system and muscle groups. In RE, we will be exploring Jesus as the Son of God, looking at the many wondrous acts Jesus performed. In English, we will be starting with instructions and explanations before moving onto a story that finds the character in need of our help... Multiplication and division will be a big focus for the start of this half term. This knowledge helps us to work with other concepts later on with more ease due to the speed at which we can recall these facts. Later this half term, we will begin to explore fractions. Swimming continues right on through the Spring and Summer terms and looks to consolidate the progress made in the Autumn lesson. PE in school is continuing with Games and Gymnastics. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on Thursdays. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 News

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to start 2023! We have some fantastic topics to learn about across lots of different subjects this term. In English, we will begin the term by looking at spooky stories and writing for this genre. We will then look at forming an argument for or against different topics. And finally, we will become detectives to solve the mystery of some very unusual events, writing our reports on our findings! In Maths, alongside the revisiting of place value and the four operations, we will be looking at shape for the first time in Year 5. We will deepen our understanding of 3D shapes and investigate the properties of polygons. Our science unit will cover animals including humans. Exploring habitats and how they develop as they grow older. For RE we will be focusing on Women in the Old Testament and how different women had very important roles to play and how we can relate and use their examples and values into our own lives. Our Geography our topic is 'Where should we go on holiday?' Looking into the Alpine region of Europe including tectonic plates and the formation of mountains! In Art the children will be looking at containers as historical and practical items and how they have been used as an expression of art, eventually learning techniques and using examples for inspiration to create their own special container. May I remind you that although Year 5 are scheduled to have indoor PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday and outdoor PE on a Friday, kit should be in school at all times in case on any last-minute changes. The same applies to reading books - if you have any questions, please do speak to one of the team. Thank you.



Year 6 News



Welcome back after the Christmas break! In 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 villains in poetry, thinking about writing our own version of 'The Spider and the Fly'. We will then be moving onto 'Goodnight Mr. Tom'. We will 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 information texts based on evacuees. In Maths, we will begin with rounding and thinking about measurements. Then we will move onto looking at fractions and percentages of amounts. Children will be taking part in Freckles 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. In Science, we will be looking at 'Animals including Humans'. Children will get the opportunity to observe how the human body works and how blood moves around the body. In Geography, the topic we are looking at is 'Are we damaging our world?' We will be learning about how our actions are affecting the world globally. In Art, we will be focusing on Monet and looking at 'What can you see?' The Christian Value we will explore is 'Courage'. This half term, we will be focusing on significant events around the world, the children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. We are looking forward to another exciting term with Year 6!



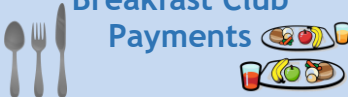
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School Dinner and Breakfast Club Payments



If your child attends Breakfast Club or has school dinners, please can we remind you that you **MUST** pay in advance.

Failure to do so, could result in loss of Breakfast Club place and suspension from school dinners.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE REMINDER



Please make sure your child is lined up on the playground for **8.50am**. If your child is ill, please make sure you ring the school office before 9:00am on:

01706 648 195

However, do try and send your child into school where our dedicated staff will keep an eye on them.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We had a busy Advent period with lots of fun, festive events. The Early Years, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Nativity concerts were all a great success and very well attended. We had a lovely carol concert where staff read the story of Christmas and this was interspersed with a selection of traditional carols and Christmas songs. All the classes also enjoyed their Christmas parties, and even a pantomime of Aladdin! Thank you to all the staff, children and families for making these events such a success.



The Nativity



The Inn-Spectors



Aladdin



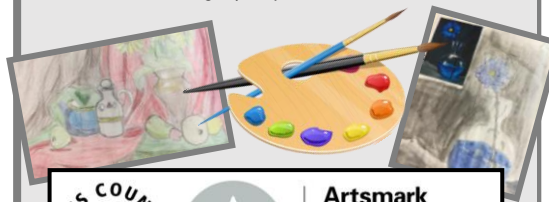
Silent Night



Artsmark Silver Award

We are very proud to have achieved the Artsmark Silver Award. It is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England.

Artsmark's flexible framework is designed to help schools embed arts, culture and creativity across the whole curriculum, celebrating commitment to cultural education and ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.



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ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	90.5%		
Rec RP	91.9%	Rec RK	91.8%
Year 1K	93.5%	Year 1A	91.5%
Year 2H	94.0%	Year 2B	94.7%
Year 3G	96.6%	Year 3W	97.4%
Year 4C	95.7%	Year 4J	94.2%
Year 5F	95.8%	Year 5H	94.2%
Year 6H	97.2%	Year 6M	95.9%
Whole School		94.4%	

Well Done!

But needs to be better!

Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school and 'Happy 2023!' Where does the time go? I have been very impressed with the way the children have returned after the Christmas holiday and I am sure we have a very hard working and successful term ahead. The second half of last term was very busy with some fantastic events to celebrate Christmas and I was extremely proud of all the children as they performed in their concerts and plays. I am excited for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March and seeing the children dressed as their favourite book characters! We will also be having the Scholastic Book Fair after school each day that week from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March if your child would like to buy a book. 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