

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SPRING TERM 2022/23
2ND HALF TERM**



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a restful half-term break and enjoyed spending time with your children during the week's holiday.

It is now the second half of the spring term and it feels like the year is going by very quickly. We are really enjoying the slightly lighter evenings and looking forward to the warmer spring weather - let's hope it arrives soon. We have lots of news to tell you about, things that happened last half term and events that are coming up!

We have now entered the season of Lent - a time of reflection in the Christian calendar. In school we are thinking about how we can change for the better and asking for God's support to be better people. Our Christian value this term is 'Forgiveness'.

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!



Parents' Evening



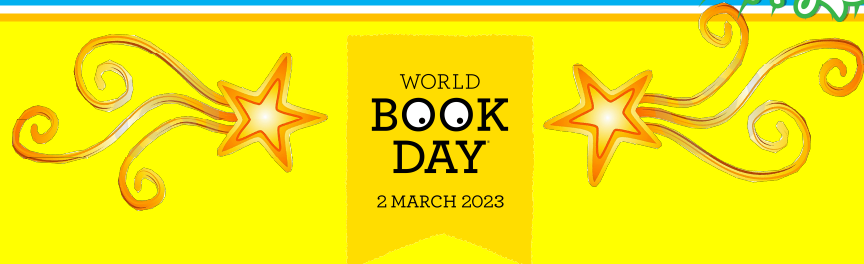
Wednesday 22nd March
is parents' evening.

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to see your child's work and discuss their progress with the class teacher.

We operate an appointment system to help reduce waiting time.

Please ensure you return the slip that will be sent out, so we can allocate you a time to meet your child's class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you then!



We all had great fun dressing up as book characters on Thursday 2nd March. The day got off to a great start with an assembly where everybody showed their costumes off! We were delighted to find that, thanks to the children's kind donations, we raised over £235 for Book Aid International. This money will help to pay for books in less economically developed countries.

Have a look at some of our photos, there are more to see on our school website, including pictures of all the children in their fantastic costumes!

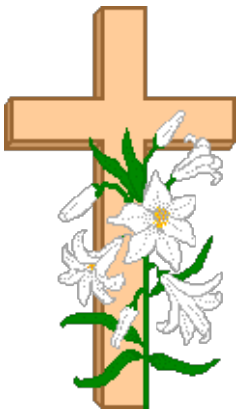


Nursery News

Welcome back after the half term holiday, it has been wonderful listening to all the lovely things the children have been doing during their weeks break. Our topic this half term is Traditional Tales. We start this topic off with 'Goldilocks and the Three Bear' followed by 'The Three Little Pigs'. Children will be acting out the stories helping to develop their speaking and listening skills. We will also be going on our first ever coach trip to 'Cockfield's Farm Park'. This will be a very exciting trip where children will get to see and feed various farm animals and take a ride on a tractor. Throughout this term we will continue to listen to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learn to recognise numbers 1-10, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards and learning to write our names. These are all things that children should be practising at home. In RE we are starting the topics 'Stories Jesus Told' and 'Easter'. We will be listening to stories that Jesus told others. We will also be learning why Christians celebrate Easter and why it is an important time of year for Christians. There will also be another visit to St. Chad's church in Rochdale. We will continue to send a 'Home Learning Challenge' each week and 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 it improves their literacy skills. Don't forget to regularly check the school website for photos and videos of your children enjoying their learning at school. If you have any questions, please do speak to any of the Nursery team.



Reception News



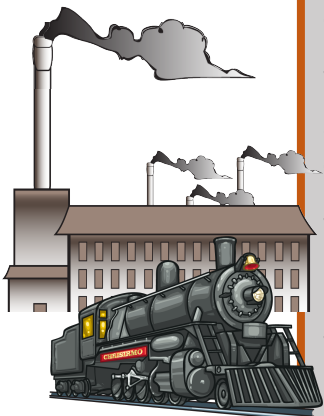
Welcome back to another fun filled half term, we hope you had a fantastic break, making lots of memories together and are ready for another exciting half term in Reception - including our first school trip to Smithills Farm! Keep checking our website gallery for our photos! This half term our topic is 'Traditional Tales and farm animals', we will start by learning about farm animals by reading our bug club non-fiction book - 'On the Farm'. We will then move onto 'The Little Red Hen' and then 'Billy Goats Gruff'. In Maths we will be learning one more and one less than and we will be counting sounds, actions and objects through our own St Peter's mini Olympics! This half term our RE topic is Easter - we will be learning about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will act out each event on our outdoor stage. As always, we have lots of exciting things to learn about in Reception - we currently have a Post Office where children can sort parcels, count money, write letters with addresses - do have a look on the website to see photos of this in action. Please continue to encourage your child to use their phonics when reading at home; we are seeing such great improvements in the children's ability to read. As always, feel free to come and speak to one of the team if you have any questions about your child's learning.

Year 1 News

Welcome back to the spring half term! We are very much looking forward to all of the exciting activities that we have planned over the next few weeks. In RE we will be looking at the Easter story and discussing why this celebration is important to Christians. We will be discussing how the Easter story links to new beginnings at spring time and the significant meaning behind Jesus dying for us on the cross. In English we will be looking at how and why we write letters, poetry and exploring new texts. We will be looking at a number of different books such as Handa's Hen, George and the Dragon and the Great Fire of London nursery rhyme. In Maths we will be measuring different objects by using cubes and rulers. We will also be finding the difference between lengths, comparing and measuring weights, and revisiting addition and place value. We will focus on the topic of Habitats in our science lessons which will include understanding what a habitat is and exploring different types of habitats which are used by different animals. In history we have started a new topic which is all about The Great Fire of London. We will be sequencing the events on a timeline and comparing travel, jobs and buildings from now to 1666. We will also be developing our historical vocabulary through this topic. In DT we will be continuing to look at Homes and the different types of homes and houses throughout the world. We will be also designing and using different materials to create our own houses. In PE we will continue to improve our gymnastics, dance and games skills through weekly lessons. Lot's of fun ahead!



Year 2 News



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We have many exciting events planned for the children so keep your eyes peeled. In maths, we will start the term by focusing on multiplication, division and fractions. We will also re-cap and improve our knowledge on time. As with every time, we will be encouraging the practise and use of times tables - 2s, 5s and 10s. In English, we will be looking at instructions and creating our own set of instructions to look after a pet. We are also focusing on the book 'Hansel and Gretel' by Helen Ward. The children will be making predictions, exploring unfamiliar words, ordering the events of the story and answering comprehension questions. In History, our topic is 'What was Rochdale's Role in the Industrial Revolution?' Throughout this topic, we will be exploring what the industrial revolution is and its importance to modern society. We shall also investigate the local area. Our Science topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will look at how to identify whether something is living, dead or never been alive using MRS GREN. Can you remember what this stands for? In RE, we will be focusing on the topic 'Easter Symbols'. Our learning will be focused around many 'Big Questions' and we will be discussing the many symbols you will see around Easter time and explore what they represent.

Year 3 News

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! Yet again it will be jam packed full of lots of great activities for the children to do. Our focus in RE will be Lent and Easter. Year 3 will learn about the stories of Holy Week, the emotions that these events can stir and the true meaning of Lent, including the rituals and the way we celebrate. In Maths, we will be focusing on: perimeters, fractions, place value, multiplication and division. We will also be concentrating on mental addition and subtraction, continuing with the written methods for both of these. Make sure you are practising your mad minutes at home! We will be spending the next few weeks in English looking at Greek Mythology and Non-Chronological reports. Our focus in Science this term will be looking at the life cycle of a Frog and Pond Life. The children will look at each stage from egg, tadpole, tadpole with legs, froglet, frog. They will transfer the eggs to the school pond and then observe them over the term. This in turn will allow the children to research and find out about what other animals, insects and plants live in or around the pond. History this term will focus on the Roman invasion and the impact they had on Britain. They will learn the lives, challenges and achievements of the Romans in Britain. This will be further investigated by our Year 3 trip to DEWA Museum in Chester. If you have any concerns or questions, please do come and speak to one of the team.



Year 4 News



Wow! We are now in the fourth half term of Year 4! To kick start our History topic, "Anglo Saxons and Vikings", we experienced a visit from "Erik the Viking." He showed us how the Vikings invaded Briton and took over land from the Anglo-Saxons. Erik also showed us what life was like in Viking "Briton," for everyday Vikings. This experience helped us with future learning for our History lessons. In English, we will be starting off looking at narrative poetry and discovering how the Weeping Willow tree got its name. After that, we will move on to exploring mystical stories including stories about, Mermaids, Selkies, Beowulf, and Grendel - the monster. We will finish off by writing non-chorological reports about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings which links with our History topic. In Maths, we will be exploring tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimal numbers. We will be identifying missing numbers on a number line by finding the patterns and working out the difference between sequenced numbers. In Science, Year 4 moves onto living things and their habitats where we will be looking at what all living things have in common. We will then move look at what makes living things different and thing how we can compare them using scientific classification groups. In RE, this term we will focus on Trust and Betrayal. We will explore who we can trust and if we can trust all of these individuals for all things we need help with.

Year 5 News

Welcome back everyone! We have a really exciting half term ahead of us including World Book Day and our educational visit to Quarry Bank Mill! In English, we will begin the term by looking at the work of William Shakespeare and his famous plays! We will be focusing on understanding Romeo and Juliet and how we can use our knowledge and vocabulary to understand difficult words and phrases! We will then move onto non-fiction reference texts based on true or false and finally our poetry unit of 'You Wait Till I'm Older Than You!' In Maths, alongside the revisiting of place value and the four operations, we will also look at factors and multiples so keep practicing your times tables! Our science unit will cover animals and their habitats. For RE we will be focusing on the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter and how this time in the Christian calendar is a celebration of Victory! We will look at the inspiration we can take from Jesus and his journey to the cross and resurrection and how we can use this to motivate us through our own life's challenges and victories. Our History topic is 'What was life like for children during Queen Victoria's reign?' We will look at home life, education and we will get to experience this on our school trip! In DT we will be looking at bread. We will look at the origins of bread making, bread around the world and eventually the children will be making their own! 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. Thank you for your support!



Year 6 News



Welcome back after February half term! 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 chronological reports, thinking about the short film clip 'Lighthouse'. We will then be moving onto 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. 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 Persuasive writing. In Maths, we will begin with finding percentages and fractions of amounts. Then we will move onto looking at multiplication and division. Children will be taking part in Freckles and answering 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 'Living things and their Habitats'. Children will get the opportunity to learn about Carl Linnaeus and his classification system. In History, the topic we are looking at is 'What was Life like for Children during WW11?' We will be learning about how the war effected the world globally, thinking mainly about children. In DT, we will be focusing on designing and creating our own slippers. The Christian Value we will explore is 'forgiveness'. This half term, we will be focusing on 'Who is Jesus?', 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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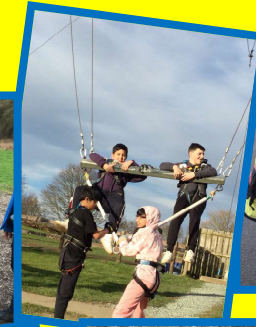
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Between Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th February, the Year 6 pupils went on their residential trip to Boreatton Park. This was a fantastic time for all the children. The children were able to participate in adventure activities designed to motivate, build confidence and encourage development. Have a look at some of the fantastic pictures!



School Dinner Payments

If your child has school dinners, please can we remind you that you **MUST** pay in advance. Failure to do so, could result in suspension from school dinners. The cost of pupil dinners this year are £12.50 per week.



Forthcoming Events

EYFS/KS1 - EASTER BONNETS

Tuesday 28th March



Decorate a hat for your child to wear in the 'Easter Bonnet Parade'

KS2 - EASTER EGGS COMPETITION

Wednesday 29th March



Decorate an egg for your child to display in our competition!



Safer Internet Day

This year's Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, 7 February 2023. Significantly, it was the 20th year of the campaign.

From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns.

Speak with your child about their online activity...



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	90.8%	Rec RK	92.0%
Rec RP	91.8%	Year 1A	92.3%
Year 1K	93.4%	Year 2B	93.5%
Year 2H	94.2%	Year 3W	96.7%
Year 3G	95.9%	Year 4J	94.8%
Year 4C	95.8%	Year 5H	94.2%
Year 5F	95.7%	Year 6M	95.7%
Year 6H	97.2%	Whole School	94.3%

Well Done!

But could be better!



Headteacher Message

Last half term was yet another incredibly rewarding half term at St Peter's and I am always delighted, when going around the school, by the children's work, behaviour and attitude to learning. We really are lucky here at St Peter's to teach such well-mannered, caring and responsible pupils. We've had some fun events already with school trips, and of course, 'World Book Day'; I really enjoyed seeing all the costumes! Events like 'World Book Day' are also a good opportunity for us to help others around the world that are less fortunate than ourselves. In this season of Lent we are encouraging the children to reflect on how their behaviour, the choices and the decisions they make can affect those around them and remembering the important words of Jesus 'Love one another as I have loved you!'

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