

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2024

SPRING TERM 2023/24
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 2024!

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!



Class Assembly Dates

19th Jan - Year 2W

25th Jan - Year 1K

01st Feb - Year 5H

08th Feb - Year 4H

15th Feb - Year 3G

Half Term

14th Mar - Year 2B

21st Mar - Year 1A

28th Mar - Year 5F

Easter Holiday

25th April - Year 4C

02nd May - Year 3J

09th May - Year 2W

23rd May - Year 1K

Half Term

13th June - Year RP

20th June - Year RK

27th June - Nursery(am) &
Nursery (PM)

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

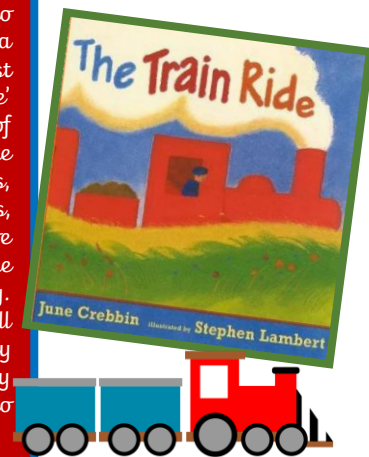
CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Christmas events at St Peter's were a great success! The children enjoyed a variety of activities during the 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 the very first Christmas and this was interspersed with a selection of traditional carols and Christmas songs. All the classes also enjoyed the Christmas Fair, their Christmas parties, pantomime of Cinderella and even a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to all the staff, children and families for making these events such a success.



Nursery News

We would like to start by wishing all our families a very Happy New Year. It has been wonderful listening to all the lovely things the children have been doing over the Christmas holidays. They 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.



Reception News



Welcome back to another fun filled half term, we 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. 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 and the Parable 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. Do come and see a member of the team if you wish to speak to anybody about your child's learning - we are always happy to help. Thank you for working with us to fully support your child's learning.

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. Thank you for all your support!



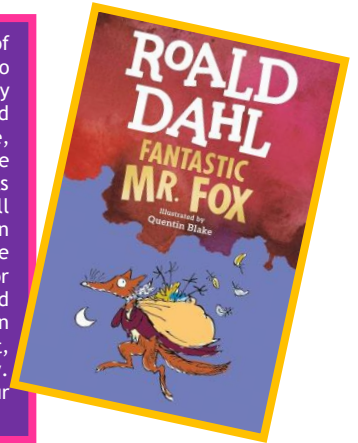
Year 2 News



Welcome back to the Spring term! 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. 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. We are looking forward to another exciting term with Year 2!

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 non-chronological reports. The focus will be different types of weather. 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. We will also be looking at skeletons and muscles, why they're important and why we need them. We will look at the fascinating various types of skeletons and how they differ to our own. 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! PE is on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days. Make sure you are continuing to read with your children every day at home, even if it's just a few pages. It all helps to contribute towards their wider learning.



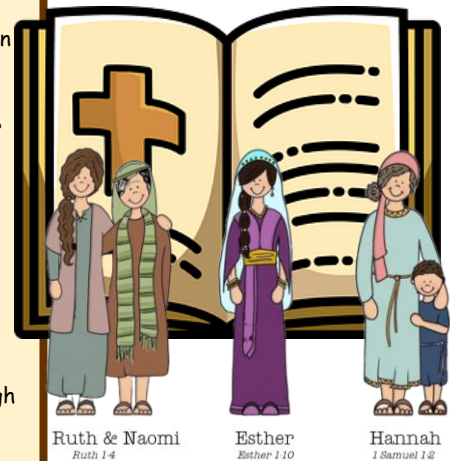
Year 4 News

Welcome back in 2024! 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. The first half of the term will be 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. In Maths we have started with multiplication calculations. Times tables remain an important focus in Year 4, lots of children are making good use of Times Table Rockstars and making great progress. This week we have made a start exploring 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 continues with Outdoor Games. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on Thursdays. Thank you for your continued support for your continued support; if you need to ask anything about your child's learning, please speak to the Year 4 team!



Year 5 News

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 Earth and Space! We cannot wait to explore our universe and for our trip to Jodrell Bank. 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 in 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 reading books need to be in school every day, we would also like to encourage you to read with your child as much as possible! 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. Thank you for your continued support!



Ruth & Naomi Ruth 1-4 Esther Esther 1-10 Hannah 1 Samuel 1-2

Year 6 News

Welcome back after the Christmas break! The Christian Value we will explore is 'Perseverance'. This half term, we will be focusing on significant events around the world where the children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. 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, thinking about measurements. Then we will move onto looking at fractions and percentages of amounts. Children will be taking part in Freckles 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. 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?' We are looking forward to another exciting term with Year 6!





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**LOST MINUTES
= LOST LEARNING!**

**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!**

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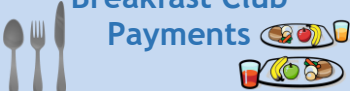
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EACH
YEAR!

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Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

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.

The children across the school had a great time playing in the snow. They built snowmen, threw snowballs, and made snow angels. The playground was filled with laughter and joy as they enjoyed the winter wonderland. It was a great opportunity for them to bond and have fun together.



Watch Our World Synod Meeting

Our school took part in our half-termly WOW Church meeting held at Milnrow Parish CE School. Here, they discussed the results from the plastic survey sent out to the churches and parishes in Rochdale and came up with an action plan of how to plan to support our churches to become more environmentally friendly places. Also discussed, was an exciting opportunity to create their own environmentally friendly collective worship song, which we are all looking forward to recording at our next meeting!



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	89.8%		
Rec RP	92.2%	Rec RK	92.8
Year 1K	92.0%	Year 1A	90.1%
Year 2W	91.9%	Year 2B	92.4%
Year 3G	93.4%	Year 3J	95.5%
Year 4C	94.9%	Year 4H	95.5%
Year 5F	94.5%	Year 5H	95.8%
Year 6N	95.8%	Year 6M	96.0%
Whole School		93.6%	

Well Done to 6M!
But the rest of the school needs to be better!



Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school and 'Happy 2024!' 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 7th 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 4th March to Thursday 7th 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