

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 2023/24
2nd HALF TERM



Dates for your Diaries

Eid al-Adha Celebration
Tuesday 18 June

Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Tuesday 25 June - 9.30am

Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 25 June - 2.00pm

EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 26 June - 9.30am

St Peter's Feast Day
Friday 28 June

Transition Day
Tuesday 2 July

**Learn, Love & Grow
Together Day**
Friday 12 July

**Star of the Year
Assembly**
Wednesday 17 July - 9.00am

**Summer Attendance
Assembly**
Thursday 18 July - 9.00am

**Year 6 Leavers'
Assembly**
Friday 19 July - 9.00am

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!

'Sunshine is sweet; it is good to see the light of day.'
(Ecclesiastes 11:7)



From the 20th to the 24th May, the children had opportunities to display their skills and talents in our annual STEM week; the children were challenged and lots of fun was had! The question that was asked of the children was:

What is the most exciting way of travelling through the air?

Each year group had a focus on the following:

EYFS: Paper Aeroplanes

Year 1: Catapults

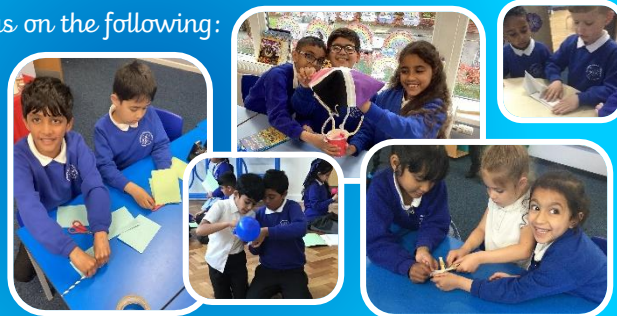
Year 2: Rockets

Year 3: Balloon Cars

Year 4: Parachutes

Year 5: Sail Boats

Year 6: Roller Coasters



What is STEM?

STEM links the subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths together; this gives children the opportunity to greatly enjoy building knowledge through some amazing activities and projects. Within this special week children were given a different challenge linked to travel through, or using, the air. This promoted their problem-solving skills; the children used their knowledge of all four subjects and logical thinking to create their masterpieces. It was great fun!



'Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and
the one who understands obtain guidance'

(Proverbs 1:5)



Nursery News

We would like to start by welcoming all our families back after the half term holiday and we hope that you had a restful break! We have a busy term ahead as the children get ready for transition into Reception. Our new topic this term is called 'Superheroes'. The first book that we will be looking at is 'The Flying Bath' by Julia Donaldson. This is about an amazing bath that can actually fly and helps people in need. In this story we will be looking at what speech bubbles are and we will be writing our own speech bubbles. We will also be making our own books about the characters. 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 creation story using musical instruments. We will also be thinking about our families and the different people we know and how they help us. 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. We will also be listening to the sounds we can hear at the beginning of words and learning how to write them. These are all things that children should be practising at home! We will continue to send your children home with a weekly home learning challenge, please complete the tasks in this book each week. This will help to improve the children's learning further. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff. We are always happy to help.



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. We are super excited for our final trip of the year to 'Imagine That!' You will see what a great time we have on the website gallery. 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 transformed into a hospital! We are so excited to become real life SUPERHEROES! We will update the website in the upcoming weeks to show how fabulous it looks! In Maths we will recap addition and subtraction and begin to develop our reasoning skills by solving word problems. We will also continue to work on the children's understanding and fast recall of number bonds to 5 and 10, using our outdoor area to play fun games relating to this. Our RE topic is Friendship, where 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. We would like to thank you all for your support in your child's learning during Reception.



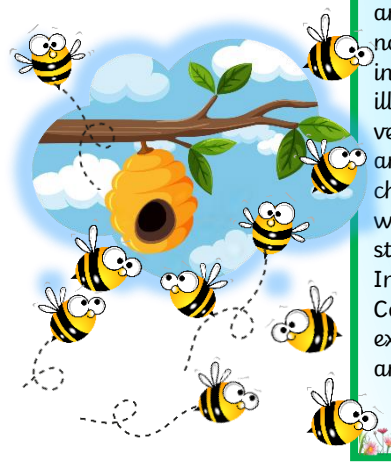
Year 1 News

Welcome back to the final term of Year One! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. 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 was alive on earth. We will learn about the human nature and experience of Jesus as he lived in the world at that time. The children will be looking at questions such as, what style of clothes did Jesus wear? What toys did he have? Did Jesus have a mobile phone? If you could travel back in time to Jesus' world, what would you like to see? 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. In history we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and comparing nursing in the present day. 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.



Year 2 News

Welcome back to the final term of Year 2! We have a very excited term planned, with lots of great activities and learning ahead. We have already enjoyed our last trip of Year 2 to Springfield Park. The children can now really put their knowledge to the test with their learning around bees and pollination! This half term, in English, we are going to be reading 'Pirates Next Door', by Jonny Duddle. We will spend time exploring the illustrations, asking questions about the characters, writing our own descriptions and end with writing our very own pirate story! In maths, we will revisit place value, placing numbers on a number line, fractions, time and solve reasoning questions. We will continue with our 'mad minutes' weekly challenges, and hopefully the children will be awarded with their next Mad Minutes certificate! Our science topic is 'Bees and Pollination', which we already know lots about from our school trip. We will look closely at the life cycle of a bee and study their purpose in the world. What is an eco-system? We will learn lots of new scientific vocabulary! In history this half term, we will be studying past and present explorers. Have you ever heard of Christopher Columbus? I wonder what qualities you need to be an explorer? We are excited to learn more about exploration. We will continue to give homework every Friday. Please support your child with completing these and handing them in on time every Thursday. Thank you for your continued support!



Year 3 News

Welcome back to the last term of the school year! We hope you enjoyed your half term break and were able to enjoy the wonderful weather too! Maths will focus on the 4 operations + - x and ÷. They will learn the short, written methods for addition, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at adding and subtracting fraction amounts. Make sure you are practising your Mad Minutes at home! 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 the difference in layout and dialogue writing. We will also be focussing on Poetry this term. The children will reinforce what they already know and identify the different features in a poem. In History, we will be carrying on from Spring 2 where we looked at the Roman invasion and we will 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. Forces and Magnets is the Science topic for this term. They will look at the properties of magnets and how they work, as well as their everyday use of forces such as pushing, pulling and twisting. In RE, we will focus on the Lord's Prayer. We will think about the meaning of each line in the prayer and consider the importance of this. The children will even write their own prayer using key vocabulary from the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer



Year 4 News

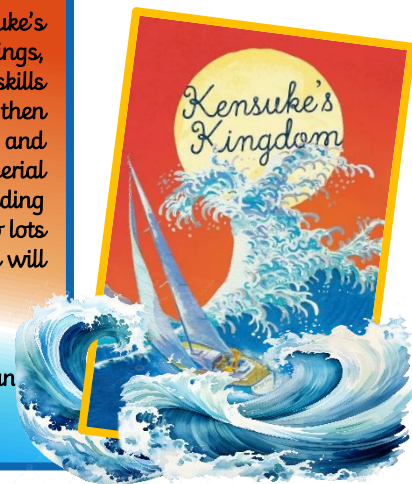


Oh, my goodness! It is our final half term of Year 4 and there is lots to do! Of course, we will continue swimming and there will be some of the usual exciting end of Year activities such as St Peter's Feast Day, Sports day and Learn, Love and Grow together Day, so watch out for news and dates of those. In RE, we begin with a new Health and Relationships unit and follow that by exploring the links between artwork and religion. In Maths, we will be completing some of the final units in measurement: area, perimeter, and converting between units of measurements. For the final few weeks we will revisit some topics and concepts that were taught earlier in the year and need some polishing, ready for Year 5. In English, we begin by looking at writing our very own Tudor information texts which link to our new History topic. We have had our exciting trip to Ordsall Hall to support our Tudor learning; the children had a fantastic time! After this, we will move on to reading and exploring 'How to Train your Dragon'. We finish the English curriculum for this year by reading and writing some nonsense poetry. 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. Finally, we truly hope that you have all enjoyed your year with the Year 4 team and we look forward to a hard but rewarding final term. Thank you for your support this year.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! In English this half term, we will begin by reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo - a wonderful story of adventure and friendship! We will be investigating settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. We will be focusing specifically on comprehension skills and will be analysing the book. 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. Finally, we will focus on metric and imperial units. For our Science Unit, we will look at the unit of forces. We will be exploring more complex forces, building on the learning from Year 3. We will look at gravity, friction, air and water resistance and applying these to lots of fun and informative experiments. For RE we 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. 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 our very own hometown! We will be exploring further the concepts of inequality and justice and how these interact with the social classes of Victorian Rochdale.



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 RE, 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 'Truthfulness'. 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 start by exploring a variety of texts, focusing our attention on a variety of writing styles. To end, we will look at 'The Eighteenth Emergency' by Bets 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. 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 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 year. 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. We want to take this opportunity to wish all the Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on to their high schools.



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St Peter's Day

We are looking forward to St Peter's Day on Friday 28th June where 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 show with magician – Paul Storey. The children will be able to come into school in non-uniform and will be treated to an ice-cream from the ice-cream van!



Learn, Love and Grow Together Day

We have our annual
"Learn, Love, Grow
Together Day"

coming up in a few weeks. Have
a look at the activities classes
will be doing below:

Whole School: Picnic,
mindfulness activities, positive
affirmation activities

EYFS: Puppet Show Performance
from a professional puppeteer
and Nursery Rhymes

Year One: Outdoor Treasure Hunt
and Indoor Traditional Party
Games

Year Two: Making/flying their
own Kite and Traditional
Playground games

Year Three: Den Building and
Camp Fire S'more making

Year Four: Orienteering and
Traditional Indoor Games

Year Five: 'Random Acts of
Kindness' at St Peter's Square
via a Tram journey

Year Six: Car Wash and
Traditional Board Games

Watch Our World

Our WOW (Watch Our World) representatives visited St John's Thornham Church of England Primary School for their next WOW meeting. This meeting focused on the local environment and they had a fantastic opportunity to have a visit from a Hedgehog Hospital. Here, the children learnt about the impact humans are having on hedgehogs and how we can better look after our environment for our local wildlife. The children found out a range of facts about hedgehogs and created a 'hedgehog house' (a hibernacula) to support hedgehogs in the area.



EID UL-ADHA



Eid celebrations began on the evening of
Sunday 16th June and we hope our
families who celebrated had a happy
and peaceful time with friends and
family during this blessed time.



ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?

Our attendance target is: **96%**

Nursery	90.0%	Rec RK	93.1%
Rec RP	92.7%	Year 1A	91.7%
Year 1K	93.9%	Year 2B	92.9%
Year 2W	92.9%	Year 3J	95.4%
Year 3G	92.6%	Year 4H	95.4%
Year 4C	95.5%	Year 5H	94.8%
Year 5F	94.8%	Year 6M	95.6%
Year 6N	95.8%	Whole School	93.9%

Good effort to class **6N** for being the closest to
achieving the attendance target!

Attendance Matters, Every Second Counts!

If attendance is between 90-96% (8-20 days absence per
year) it means that during primary years your child will
miss 2 or more terms of education!

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 of your children's education. 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. It's going to be a busy, but fun, last few weeks before the summer holidays! Enjoy!

Mr A Whelan