

# St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2018/19**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> HALF TERM**



## Nursery Places

Places are available for September 2019. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in your child starting at our wonderful Nursery please come and get an application from the school office. If you have already applied, notification of place have already been sent out. We offer places for children who are 3 years old and will turn 4 during next academic year.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a really lovely Easter break and enjoyed spending time with your children during the two weeks' holiday. Easter truly is a lovely time of year where we think about the season of spring, new life and the life that Jesus sacrificed so we could have eternal life.

It is now the summer term and the nice weather seems to have arrived. It feels like the year is going by very quickly! We have lots of news about things that happened last half term and events that are coming up!

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half-term and 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!



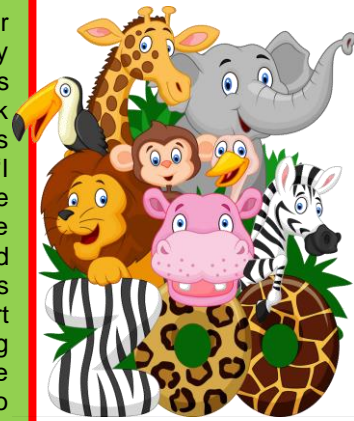
## DANCE COMPETITION



We were delighted to attend the Rochdale Schools' Dance Festival at Middleton Arena on the 28th March. The theme for this year's festival was 'Rock n Roll' and we took part by dancing to a mega-mix of songs by Elvis, Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Bill Haley & His Comets; that had been choreographed by Miss Fielding and Miss Kyte. There were eleven other schools competing at the dance festival with children of all different ages. The children performed brilliantly and did the school proud by winning an award for 'Most Energetic' performance, where they were presented with a medal by the Mayor of Rochdale. Watch the video of the performance on our school website!

## Nursery News

Over the Summer Term, the nursery children have lots of exciting things planned! This half term our topic is 'The Zoo'. We will be reading quality texts such as 'Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell' and 'Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett'. The children will enjoy listening to a range of stories based around animals and will be provided with purposeful activities linked to these such as; writing a list of things to pack for a trip to the zoo, poster making and labelling animals around the zoo. Our focus in phonics is 'alliteration' which will involve children engaging with initial letter sounds through games such as 'I spy'. We will also continue to learn one sound a week. In RE this half term we will be discussing the importance of friendships and 'what makes a good friend'. Throughout this we will explore the value of friendship through Bible stories. In mathematics we will continue to look at numbers 1-10 and beyond. The children will be set weekly challenges involving accessing number problems independently. We have lots of learning to do in nursery and would be grateful if you could support your child at home by completing their weekly library homework. Please ensure this is returned along with your child's library book every Thursday! We will also be encouraging the children to practise writing their name as much as possible, so it would be great if this was done at home too! Please do not hesitate to ask one of the nursery team if you have any questions.

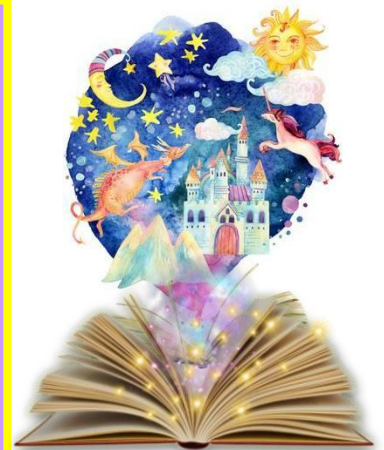


## Reception News

This half term our topic is Superheroes; our role-play area has transformed into a hospital! The children are really enjoying spending time writing out prescriptions, medical notes and answering the phone. We have some great future doctors in the classroom, how caring they are! In RE this half term we will be discussing our favourite places. The children will have the opportunity to talk about where they enjoy spending time and what they do when in that place. One of the places we will be looking at is St Peter's Church. We will be looking at what is in the church and how we can use this place to pray. In literacy, we are going to read the story 'SUPERTATO', we are going to be planning traps and then creating these to catch evil pea. There is a copy of the story on YouTube (link given on our class page of the school website), maybe you will create a trap in your house, we would love to see a photo/drawing of this! Our Maths learning will continue to focus heavily on number recognition as well as mathematical language to explain our reasoning through the use of word questions. We will be learning about 3D shapes, repeating patterns, our number bonds and doubling and halving facts. Thank you for making a great effort with your children's homework, it is so important that your children carry out this extra work at home. Our half termly focus will be handwriting, we love it when your children bring in any extra handwriting done at home so we can celebrate this as a class.

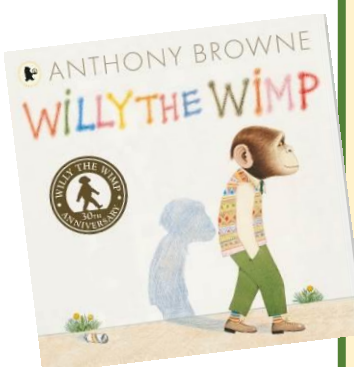
## Year 1 News

Welcome back to the first half of Summer Term. In Year 1 we have lots of exciting and interesting activities planned! In RE our new topic is 'Why Is Baptism Special?'; we will be learning about the special sacrament that welcomes new people into the church and God's Family. We will be exploring different symbols involved in a baptism and how birth rites are different in each religion. We will learn a new bible story and the piece of scripture that baptism is based on. In English we will be looking at fairy tales and fantasy stories before moving onto letters, information texts and poetry. In maths the children will be focusing on fractions, 3D shapes, money, time, and addition and subtraction. In science we are moving on to a new topic which will be humans and animals. We will be learning about the different parts of the human body, the five senses, animal families, and the similarities and differences between humans and animals. Where we live is our topic in Geography, the children will explore our local town and the surrounding area. This half term in Art we will be looking at printing and making our own printing designs using a variety of materials. Finally, in DT, we will be looking at homes and structures and investigating the best resources to build our own. As the year 1 phonics screening test is fast approaching, please continue to help and support your children with their phonics at home. Alternatively, there are links to phonics websites on the school website which can be found on the 1S and 1F class pages.



## Year 2 News

Welcome back and we hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break. We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term. In RE, we will be focusing on the Church and how this is a special place where Christians meet to worship and pray. We will also be considering people from other faiths and how they have special holy places of worship. We will be discussing the names of these buildings and the type of worship that takes place there. In English, we will be starting with various stories written by Anthony Browne. Through this theme the children will explore different kinds of emotions and how to deal with them. The children will read a variety of books including Willy the Wimp, Into the Forest and Gorilla to name but a few. This in turn will allow the children to produce some interesting writing. In Maths this term, we will concentrate on Data Handling and Fractions, along with Multiplication and Division facts. Remember to learn those times tables' facts! This term in History, we will focus on the great explorers of our time. We will research and find out about many different explorers who have made an impact on society throughout the years. Our Science topic will be all about Living Things and their Habitats, including looking at the differences between living and non-living things. We will be doing lots of investigation work outside and hope to have lots of fun! Please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school at all times. They also need to bring their book bags with their reading books and library books in to school every day. We would also greatly appreciate your continued support and encouragement with your child's learning at home as this will help their progress, especially as the SATs are fast approaching.

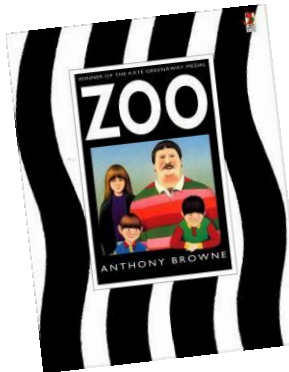


## Year 3 News

Welcome back for our summer term! We hope you enjoyed your Easter break! This half term RE will focus on the events following Easter and the teachings that Jesus led after his reincarnation. We will look at the rules that we should all follow and understand why it is important in society that we follow the rules; this will include the ten commandments. Maths will see an increase in the use of formal calculation methods and a greater use of multiplication and division. Times Tables Rockstars and mad minutes will be used weekly to aid these topics. Your children have a login and can access this at home too. There will be a shift in our humanities lessons to history for this half term. We are looking at the Ancient Egyptians and all of their achievements. The River Nile will play a big part in our learning and all of the benefits that it brought to such a technologically advanced civilisation. This term in English we will be focusing on Traditional Poems by Eleanor Farjeon and Charles Causley. The focus will be the techniques the poets have used to write their poems. Narrative writing will follow this. We have linked this with our History topic and will be reading *The Egyptian Cinderella*. We will also be continuing to look at grammar, as we need to improve our understanding of completing and punctuating sentences. Andy Warhol was a prolific artist and known worldwide for his work. We will be looking at different aspects of his life and work and we are hoping to reproduce some Pop-art style pieces. Our computing topic is all about communicating online, something which most of us are doing more and more frequently. We will be teaching children how to be safe and what apps are appropriate/not appropriate.



## Year 4 News



Wow - A new term already! We are very excited about this term and have many things we need to achieve before we are ready for Year 5. We have started this term with an exciting week of STEM activities- all based around the theme of Temptation linking to Genesis 3-The Beginning of Sin. We have already produced some outstanding work and worked fantastically in small teams. This term we will be visiting Gallery Oldham to take part in a Pattern and Print workshop using textiles. We will also be visiting Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church as part of our Religious Education syllabus finding out about different places of worship. In English we have been debating about Zoos at the moment. Are they good or bad? We all thought they were fantastic until we began to consider an alternative point of view whilst reading Anthony Browne's book "Zoo." We are looking at all points of view and will be writing a balanced argument at the end of the unit. Later on in the term we will look at the Poems of Edward Lear and the books of David Walliams which are very funny. In Maths we continue to challenge and stretch ourselves using problem solving techniques, and securing our knowledge of decimals. In Science we are looking at Animals including Humans. Watch out for the children telling you all about dental hygiene and ways to protect their teeth.

## Year 5 News

In English this half term, we will be starting off by analysing 'What Do You Want To Be' by Wilf Merttens. The children will use Merttens' style of poetry to plan, write and perform their own poems about hopes for their future careers. Year Five will then move on to a non-fiction unit. During the unit, we will read a selection of fascinating letters, both formal and informal, from different periods of history. The children will learn to recognise and use modal verbs, and find out about the correct use of colons, semi colons and dashes. In Maths, the children will be starting the unit with place value, consolidating and deepening their understanding of this. The children will then move onto multiplication and division, including multiplying fractions. Year 5 will finish the term finding the perimeter and area of shapes. For our Science unit, Year 5 is moving on to our final topic of 'Changes of Materials'. During this exciting scheme, we will be conducting lots of practical experiments which will deepen our previous knowledge about materials. In RE, our focus will be on the Bible. We will be developing the children's understanding of the importance and impact of the contents of the Bible to Christians. We will be making connections between Bible passages and Christian values, attitudes and beliefs. Our topic work will move towards History, by investigating the big question 'what impact did the Anglo-Saxons have?' In this unit, the children will explore the world of the Anglo-Saxons, and why they came to Britain. DT topic will begin with a new project on alarms. Art moves on to looking at printing, focusing in on the work of Hokusai.



## Year 6 News



This will be an extremely busy half-term for all of the children in Year 6! Over the course of this half term the children will be focusing on areas of weakness in preparation for SATs. SATs are week commencing 13th of May. We encourage all children to make sure that they have early nights and a good breakfast each morning. We are ensuring that the children remain calm and that they feel confident to be able to tell us if they are finding any areas difficult. With RE this half term, we are focusing on 'Life as a Journey and Pilgrimage.' The children will explore the Christian Values of perseverance, hope and trust. We will explore the answers to big questions such as 'In what ways can life be compared to a journey?' and 'Is every person's journey the same?' The children will then move on to looking at 'Ascension and Pentecost.' Our English lessons 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. Within Maths we are consolidating our learning, extending the children's knowledge to ensure they are able to apply this in all contexts. Our science topic this half term is 'Light.' We will carry out lots of investigations to enhance our learning including how light is created and how we see it. Within geography, we are asking ourselves 'How will our world look in the future?' thinking about renewable energy and sustainability.



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# Easter Extravaganza!

Between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March, we were very lucky to have the chance for the Rhema Theatre Company to come in and work with every class in the school. The special 'Easter Project' led pupils through a drama that helped them engage with the Easter story. Children then had workshops where they re-enacted key parts of the Easter story. They had the opportunity to explore their own spirituality as the workshops link Jesus' relationship with his disciples to Jesus' presence today.



## DECORATED EGGS



Just before we broke up for the holidays, the Junior children had an 'eggciting' time decorating eggs! There were some 'eggceptional' creations and everyone had a 'cracking' time!



## EASTER BONNET PARADE



Just before we broke up the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely Easter Bonnet Parade in the school hall! The children sang some Easter songs and paraded in their bonnets for mums and dads to see!



## ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	90.2%	Rec RK	96.2%
Rec RM	96.0%	Year 1S	96.7%
Year 1F	97.0%	Year 2K	95.6%
Year 2W	97.9%	Year 3H	95.4%
Year 3G	96.7%	Year 4J	97.4%
Year 4C	96.6%	Year 5N	97.1%
Year 5M	97.1%	Year 6M	97.7%
Year 6H	96.9%	Whole School	96.4%

Well Done! 



## Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school for the first half of the summer term, I can't believe how quickly the year is going! We've got a busy term ahead, especially our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be taking their Key Stage SATs tests and Year 1 who will be doing their phonics test. Tests for the Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Remember to keep calm, as this is the opportunity to show everybody how great you are, and show off everything you know and have learned at St Peter's. Good luck!

As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

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