

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2018/19
2ND HALF TERM**



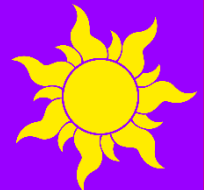
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now the final half term of the year and we can't believe how quickly it is flying 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 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!



Dates for your Diaries

St Peter's Feast Day
Friday 28th June

Transition Day
Tuesday 2nd July

Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Monday 8th July - 9.30am

EYFS Sports Day
Tuesday 9th July - 9.30am

Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Tuesday 9th July - 1.30pm

**Star of the Year
Assembly**
Tuesday 16th July - 9.00am

**Summer Attendance
Assembly**
Wednesday 17th July - 9.00am

**Year 6 Leavers'
Assembly**
Thursday 18th July - 9.00am



From the 23rd to the 26th April 2019, the children were very lucky to be given the challenge of STEM week; the children were certainly challenged and lots of fun was had by all!

What is STEM?

STEM is the future. It links the subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths together; this gives us 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 a Bible story that would promote their problem solving skills, the children had to use their knowledge of all four subjects and logical thinking to solve challenges.



Nursery News

We are very excited for a fun packed half term! Our topic is 'The Seaside'. We will be reading a range of seaside themed books such as 'Shark in the Dark' by Nick Sharrat, 'Seaside Poems' and 'Ten Little Pirates by Mike Brownlow and Simon Rickerty'. In our provision we will have activities such as using positional language to move around a pirate ship, finding the hidden number treasure in the sand and creating our own beach scenes with the play dough. Our RE topic is 'Special Places' so we will be sharing and discussing the places that are special to us. It would be great if the children could bring in some photographs from home of their special places. We will also be inviting parents in to come for an RE walk around our special places at St Peter's. We can't wait for you all to join us! We will explore 'Special Places' through Bible Stories such as 'Moses and the burning bush' and 'Jesus at the Temple'. 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 mini beasts; we will begin with our visit from the creepy crawly roadshow! In RE, we will be learning about friendship; we will be spending time with our special friends to celebrate world environment day. Our focus will be 'The Garden of Many Hands' and we will be looking at how we can use natural resources to create our very own mini gardens. We will be drawing around our hands and decorating these with our special friends to surround our garden creations. We will end the day with planting our sunflower and cress seeds, we will work together to look after our plants - we hope to get some lovely hot weather! In literacy, we are going to read the story 'Superworm', we are going to create our own mini beasts and create a plan to turn Wizard Lizard into the good soil that we are at St Peters. There is a copy of the story on YouTube (link given on our class page of the school website), maybe you will create a plan at your house - we would love to see these! Our Maths learning will continue to focus heavily on number recognition as well as measuring non-standardised measures of time. We will be holding a Mini-Olympics in our outdoor area. The children will be measuring how many claps, feet stomps and jumps it takes to get around the course. Thank you for supporting your child in Reception this year, the children have made amazing progress! We are so proud of each and every child.



Year 1 News

Welcome back to the final term of Year 1! Our topic in RE is 'My world, Jesus' world,' where the children will be exploring what life was like when Jesus - God the Son - was alive on earth. We will learn about the human nature and experiences 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 superheroes, fact and fiction, poetry and fairy tales. 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 fractions, time, multiplication, division and position and direction. We will also work on our problem solving and reasoning skills. We are continuing our learning about humans and animal families in science and how to care for animals before moving onto seasonal changes. Our trip to Eureka will link to this learning as we are taking part in a workshop all about the digestive system. Thank you for your continued support.



Year 2 News

Welcome back to our last half term - we hope you have all had a relaxing break. In RE, we will be focusing on Pentecost. The children will be learning that after forty days Jesus ascended into heaven and that, as Christians, we believe that God is three in one - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will also be discussing the children's ideas of heaven and connecting the gifts from God to our school values. In English, we will be starting with Quest stories. Through this theme the children will explore lots of exciting vocabulary that can be used when writing about adventure. This is a great opportunity for your child to use their imaginations - reading more books at home would benefit your child during this topic. This in turn will allow the children to produce some exciting writing ready for their writing journals. In maths this term, we will concentrate on solving word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will look at the many different methods that we have used to solve word problems and use their reasoning skills to explain their answers. They will also be continuing to develop their times table knowledge, especially their 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s and even moving onto 4s! We are really looking forward to our end of year trip to Blackpool Zoo! As always if you have any questions or queries about your son's or daughter's education, please do not hesitate to ask.



Year 3 News

Well Year 3 it's great to see you back after the holidays, for our final half-term! Let's hope the final few weeks bring us some fantastic weather. We have a trip to Blackpool Sea Life planned, we have St Peter's day and sports day coming up. A very exciting half term! RE will be continuing looking at rules and how they affect other religions. We will be studying the Big Question: "How Can Following God Bring Freedom and Justice?" We will then move on to The Lord's Prayer. We will look into this significant prayer and why Jesus taught it to us. The children will look at 'Calligrams' and 'Shape' poetry in English. The children will learn features of recount writing and write their own recounts based on The Magical Garden of Monet and The Journey. Maths will be refining the skills we have developed over the course of the year with more multiplication and division methods as well as lots of reasoning and problem solving. Our science topic will be focusing of animals including humans, this involves looking at nutrition how animals and humans gain this from their food. We are also looking at skeletons and muscle structures of bodies. There will be a shift in our humanities lessons back to geography for this final half term. We are looking at the coastal regions of the country and the features that are typical of this environment. Our trip is linked into this as we shall be looking at some of the animal life that you'd find at the coast. We really hope you have enjoyed your year with us and look forward to a very busy yet rewarding final half term.



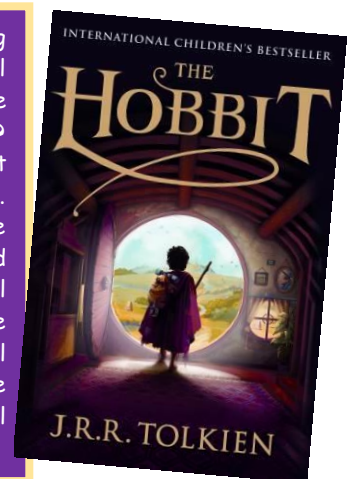
Year 4 News



It's our final half term of Year 4 and there's lots to do! Of course we will continue swimming and there will be the usual end of year activities such as Sports Day and St Peter's Day. In RE, we will be closing our year's journey by exploring prayer as a way of communicating with God. We will be examining different aspects of prayer: what it is; who does it; where it takes place; and why it is done. Maths is set to get even more challenging as we start focusing even harder on problem solving and reasoning. We look forward to working together to really show off your maths skills. English will be full of performance and life as we look at learning poetry "off by heart!" We shall be sharing ways in which we bring poetry and performance to life to tell the stories within the texts. In Science, we will take a journey through the digestive system and into our eco systems in terms of food chains. We will look at food chains and how these are affected by our use of the planet and the environmental changes we are all experiencing every day. This will be started off during the whole school Environmental day. Finally, we truly hope that you have all enjoyed your year with us and we look forward to a hard but rewarding final term!

Year 5 News

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! 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. Some key questions we will be investigating are: How has the story of Jesus been spread around the world? Why didn't the first Christians give up when telling the story was so hard? Why does Jesus look different in all the pictures? In English this half term, we will begin our term by reading *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, investigating settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. We will then move onto using texts about electronic equipment to introduce features of a non-chronological report. And finally, ending the year with a persuasive text, analysing adverts and political speeches focusing on modal verbs. 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. This will be followed by an assessment week which will give the children an opportunity to show off what they have learnt. Finally, we will focus on metric and imperial units. Thank you for all your support this year!



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 working hard on our end of year production of 'The Lion King'. The children are really excited about learning their lines and lyrics. Within RE, we are focusing on 'Ascension and Pentecost.' The children will explore the Christian Values of faith and trust. We will explore the answers to big questions such as 'In what ways do these events and beliefs make Christianity distinctive?' and 'What do Christians believe about the nature and character of the Holy Spirit?' Our Christian value for this half term is respect, and we will be looking at ways we can show respect and how we earn respect. For this 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. In Maths, we are consolidating our learning, extending the children's knowledge to ensure they are able to apply this in all contexts. Within science, our topic is 'Electricity' here we will be looking at how electricity works every day, we will carry out lots of investigations to enhance our learning. Within history, our focus is 'How has communication changed over time?' thinking about what new inventions we have today and how these have improved our lives. We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this year!



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Faith Week - Judaism

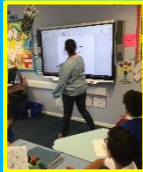


St Peter's Christian vision inspires the whole school community to engage in the understanding, respect and tolerance for other World Faiths in the local, national and global community. To have a secure understanding of Judaism and the beliefs of the Jewish Faith, we thought it was important for all the children to look at different aspects of Judaism in-depth and share their learning. Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 had 'Judaism with Jeremy' workshops to teach the children about their chosen topics; Year 4 went to Bury Synagogue and Year 5 and Year 6 went to Manchester Jewish Museum.

Gillian Parish Art Work



On Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th June, artist - Gillian Parish - came in to do art workshops with all classes in Key Stage 1 and 2. She worked with the children to create their own 'Big Frieze' like the one we have in the school hall. The children all had great fun whilst developing their skills as budding artists!



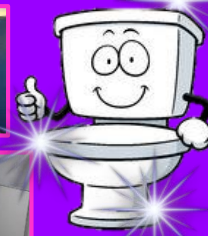
The 'Big Frieze' tells the story of the Bible in a piece of artwork that illustrates the 'big story' from Creation to Kingdom of God, presenting the Bible as more than a collection of different texts - one which has an overarching coherence and story.

Brand New Toilets Across The School

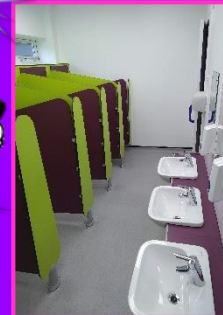
Over the past few months, all the children's toilet facilities - across the school - have been refurbished with brand new toilets, cubicles, sinks and even the taps!



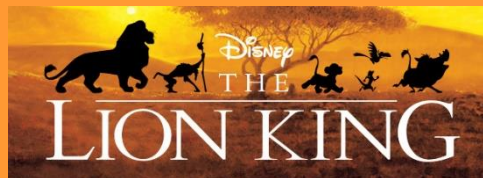
BEFORE



AFTER



Year 6 are very excited to announce that this year's end of year performance will be...



The performance will be held on **Tuesday 15th and 16th July**. This is an exciting event that will be on for one night only. Make sure you get your tickets from the school office before they sell out and support the Years 6's as they prepare to leave for their high schools.

ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	91.2%		
Rec RM	95.8%	Rec RK	95.6%
Year 1F	96.3%	Year 1S	96.0%
Year 2W	97.4%	Year 2K	95.4%
Year 3G	96.4%	Year 3H	95.0%
Year 4C	96.4%	Year 4J	96.9%
Year 5M	96.6%	Year 5N	96.4%
Year 6H	96.6%	Year 6M	96.8%
		Whole School	96.0%



Well Done!



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; sports days, 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. You may have noticed that building work has commenced on the outdoors, which will see us having a completely new playground with a pond, a reflection area, allotments and many more exciting things!

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