

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



2020
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

SPRING TERM 2019/20
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 2020!

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

16th Jan - Year 2W
23rd Jan - Year 1K
30th Jan - Year 5N
06th Feb - Year 4C
13th Feb - Year 3G
20th Feb - Year RM

Half Term

05th Mar - Year 5F
12th Mar - Year 2F
19th Mar - Year 1S
26th Mar - Year 4J
02nd April - Year RK

Easter Holiday

30th April - Year 3H
07th May - Year 2W
14th May - Year 1K
21st May - Year RM

Half Term

11th June - Year RK
18th June - Nursey (am)
25th June - Nursery (pm)

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



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We had a busy Advent period with lots of fun, festive events. The EYFS, Infant and Junior nativity concerts were all a great success and very well attended. We had a lovely carol concert where staff read the story of Christmas and this was interspersed with a selection of traditional carols and Christmas songs. All the classes also enjoyed their Christmas parties, visits to Church and even a pantomime of Cinderella! We even had a very special visit from Father Christmas who delivered presents to each class. Thank you to all the staff, children and families for making these events such a success.



I'm Gonna Shine



A Little Bird Told Me



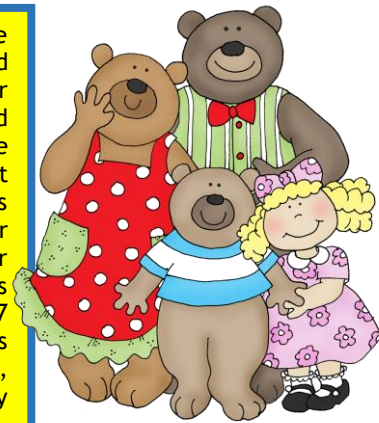
Cinderella



Bah Humbug!

Nursery News

Our topic this half term is Bears. We will be learning the traditional story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and reading 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. These would be lovely stories to share with your children at home. Children will be asked to bring in their favourite teddy bear from home to show their Nursery friends. These books will introduce size and positional language, children will learn to use words like biggest, smallest, under, over and up. We will also be looking at what Goldilocks did wrong and what she should do to put it right. Throughout this term we will continue listening 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 with parents and older siblings. 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 7 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 home a library book each week, please share this book with your child and return it to school every Thursday. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to any of the Nursery staff. Thank you for continued support.



Reception News



This half term we will be focusing on Traditional tales! We will begin the half term with 'The Gingerbread Man' - we will be carrying out a water investigation to see what happens when gingerbread goes into warm and cold water, we will then be learning about instructions. We will make our own Gingerbread men - we do hope they don't escape from the oven!! Our next traditional tale is 'The Little Red Hen' - this story is all about the process of making bread and helping each other. We will be tasting different types of bread and different toppings. We will end the half term with 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' - we will be experimenting with types of bridges in the water area to see what resources make the strongest bridge! Our maths lessons will continue to focus on number and shape: encouraging children to recognise numbers 1-10, we will be halving numbers using practical resources, revising shape and 3D properties. In RE we are learning about Stories Jesus heard, we will be learning about Noah's Ark. Another bible story we are going to read is 'Jonah and the Whale'. We will link this to the importance of listening to others and following their wishes as we know Jonah didn't listen to God. We will continue to do gym on a Monday and dance on a Friday, your child's PE kit should stay in school for the full half term again. A huge thank you to those parents who've been supporting their children's development in reading - the progress is fantastic!

Year 1 News

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 were Jesus's special friends and all of the different miracles that Jesus performed throughout his life. We will be learning about the different continents and some of the animals that live on them in Geography. In Art we will be looking at the artist Sophie Standing and concentrating on creating animals within our work. In Science we are going to be looking at the different kinds of plants and flowers that we can find around school and investigating what they need to grow. We will be planting our own seeds, looking after them and observing the changes as they grow. 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; more about time and money and begin measuring lengths.



Year 2 News

Our RE unit this term is, 'The Bible: Why is it such a special book?' We will be recognising that the Bible is made up of a series of books and is split into two parts (the Old and New Testament). The children will consider why the Bible is a special book for Christians and think about different holy books. Which religion follows the holy book the Quran? In maths, we will be focusing on drawing and describing both 2D and 3D shapes. How many 2D shapes can you name? We will also be recapping how to record and analyse data. Towards the end of the term, we will begin to look at place value and fractions. We will also be doing weekly 'MAD MINUTES' sessions, where the children are timed whilst completing their times tables. Ready, steady, get practicing! We have now moved onto poetry in our English sessions. The children are currently focusing on the nonsense poem 'On the Ning Nang Nong'. Can you make up any nonsense words? As the term progresses, we will move onto fantasy stories and to write one of our own. Our history topic this term is, 'How has our food changed?', we will explore the types of food that was eaten in the past and how and why this is different to today. What foods do you think people used to eat in the Stuart Times? In science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will learn scientific vocabulary such as: classify, adapts, living, breathe, air, shelter. The children will explore which animals are best suited for certain habitats and why. Do you think a camel is best suited to living in the desert or the Antarctic?



Year 3 News

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, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication, division, fractions and measurement. 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 Greek myths and legends. This is a very exciting selection of topics as it involves a lot of the children's creativity and imagination. 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. This half term we will begin with Geography, looking at where we are in the world and how we would go about finding ourselves using a mix of digital and traditional methods. Our DT topic will focus on moving monsters. This is where we use pneumatics (the use of pressurised air) to make our creations move. It is a very fun topic and we are sure the children will be very excited to share this with you.



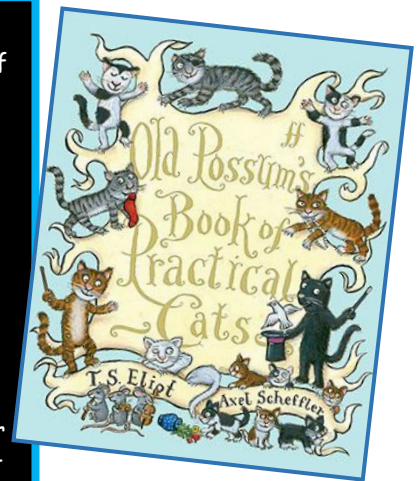
Year 4 News



Hello and welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope parents and children had both a relaxing time throughout the break and it is lovely to see everyone back in school this January. As always school is very busy and we have lots of exciting things lined up. In English we have already looked at the language of poetry and how performance should reflect this. We will be moving on to books about Myths and Legends. "How to Catch a Mermaid," tells a story about a mermaid trapped on land. In Maths, we have started to learn about perimeter. We will be looking at mental and written methods of multiplication and division. We would continue to stress the importance of times tables. Some children are making excellent progress while others are falling behind. Please allow children time to access the website Times Table Rockstars to help children improve tables in a fun way. Our science theme is Sound: how sounds are made; what a sound is made of; and the patterns in volume and pitch that we associate with this. Our Geography topic 'How Water goes Round and Round' explores the Water Cycle.

Year 5 News

For RE, Year 5 will explore the lives of significant women in the Old Testament. The aim of this unit is to widen the children's knowledge and understanding of the role and significance of women in the Bible. To reflect upon the actions of these women and consider what we can learn from their stories. In Maths, we will be continuing to look at place value, negative numbers and rounding numbers. We will then be looking at mental addition and subtraction, then moving onto looking at 3D shapes and the properties of polygons. We will also be learning about multiplication and division. In English this half term, the children will be using the classic Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, and the children will be ending this unit writing and editing their own poem. We will then move on to look at argument and debate texts, discussing the differences between fact and opinion. Our science unit will cover Earth and Space for this half term. The topic will include the movement of the celestial bodies within our solar system and the impact this has on the planets. Our topic work will move towards Geography, by investigating the big question 'How is our country changing?' In Computing, Year 5 are being coders. DT will be based around our topic of bread, and Art moves on to looking at landscapes, focusing in on the work of Eileen Downes.



Year 6 News



This half term in RE, we begin by focusing on a topic called 'Why is the Exodus such a significant event in Jewish and Christian history?'. The children will explore how Christianity is rooted in Judaism and how Jesus celebrated the Passover. This leads nicely onto learning about the Eucharist and Easter. In English, we will begin by exploring stories from other cultures. We will be writing and performing our own play scripts based on one of Sinbad's voyages. In Maths, we have split the year group up into smaller groups so that we can focus on the children's strengths and weaknesses and extend their learning accordingly. In doing this, the children's confidence will increase and they will be able to apply this knowledge in all contexts. We begin with looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. Our science topic for the whole term is 'Animals and Humans.' For the second half term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. In history, our focus is 'Why should we thank the Ancient Greeks?' We are hoping that we can visit Touchstones to bring the topic to life. SATs is fast approaching and we would like to thank all the parents that came to the SATs Parent meeting. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Year 6 team. Thank you for your support.



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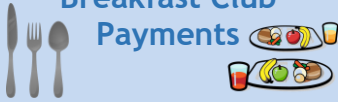
We are an Exemplary School!



We are extremely pleased to announce that the outcome of our SIAMS inspection on December 12th, is a grading of 'Excellent'. This is the highest outcome possible under the new inspection framework and is a fantastic achievement for our whole school community and fully recognises all of the hard work of everyone involved. The day started with a Collective Worship led by the school's 'Worship Leaders' – who planned, wrote and performed to the whole school – all about the Good Samaritan and being a good neighbour. The final report fully highlights many of the great things that happen to enable both pupils and adults to thrive. During the inspection, all of the children were wonderful representatives of our school and spoke so knowledgeably and proudly about what happens each and every day. It was felt that our vision was clearly shared by all and shone through in everything that was observed. Here are a few of the many excellent findings:

- *The school's deeply considered Christian vision lies at the heart of this exemplary school*
- *Pupils are highly motivated and exceptionally well behaved*
- *Collective worship is inspirational*
- *The nurturing ethos ensures that every individual feels safe and valued*
- *This is a community where both adults and pupils flourish, fulfilling their God given potential, academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually*
- *The school is thought of in the highest terms within the community it serves*
- *Pupils love RE lessons as it gives them a safe place to think about their beliefs and those of others*

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year we held our fourth Christmas Fair. Stalls included Father Christmas, Face Painting, Bottle Tombola, Chocolate and Sweet Tombola, Toy Tombola, Refreshments, Fun Games & Crafts! It was extremely well attended, great fun and proved to be a great success. Across the stalls we took over £2000. Thank you to everyone for their support!



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	91.8%	Rec RK	93.0%
Rec RM	95.2%	Year 1S	95.6%
Year 1K	95.3%	Year 2F	96.5%
Year 2W	96.3%	Year 3H	96.0%
Year 3G	97.3%	Year 4J	95.0%
Year 4C	95.5%	Year 5N	94.8%
Year 5F	94.0%	Year 6M	96.6%
Year 6H	96.7%	Whole School	95.4%

Well Done!

Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school and 'Happy 2020!' 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. The Christmas Fair was also a great success! Thank you for all your support! We are excited that all the office area at the front of the school is being renovated and modernised. This work should be finished just after February half term. The grounds work is also coming along nicely and we should, hopefully, start to see it complete very soon. 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