

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



HAPPY
NEW YEAR



SPRING TERM 2021/22 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 2022!

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

13th Jan - Year 3H
20th Jan - Year 2H
27th Jan - Year 1K
03rd Feb - Year 5M
10th Feb - Year 4C
17th Feb - Year 3G

Half Term

03rd Mar - Year 1S
10th Mar - Year 2W
17th Mar - Year 5F
24th Mar - Year 4J
31st Mar - Year 3H

Easter Holiday

05th May - Year 2H
12th May - Year 1K
19th May - Year RM

Half Term

16th June - Year RK
23rd June - Nursey (am)
30th 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 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 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 Dick Whittington! Thank you to all the staff, children and families for making these events such a success.



The Nativity



Christmas with the Aliens



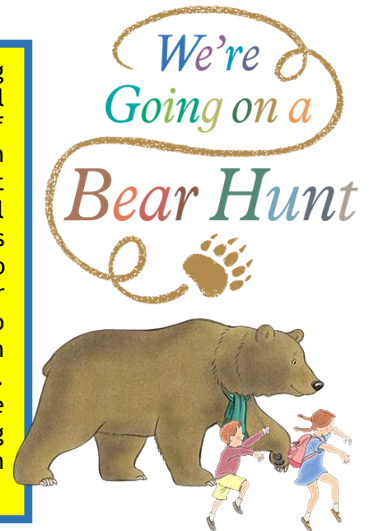
Dick Whittington



Children of the World

Nursery News

I 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 to 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.



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 travelling on a bus through the story 'The Naughty Bus', before moving onto journeys 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. The children are hoping we also get some snow to play in! 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.



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 Jesus' 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 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. If you have any questions regarding your child or their learning, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the members of staff in Year One.



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 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 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 practicing! 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. Please read with your child in the evenings and discuss any new vocabulary with them - this will help them so much as the SATS are fast approaching and all support with reading is much appreciated.



Year 3 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year! 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, 3-digit number addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and 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 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. 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! Our Art topic this term will focus on investigating patterns in textiles and from different times and culture. We will be looking at the intricacies of these patterns and how they are created. The children will then have a go at developing and creating their own designs using stencilling and print making techniques when creating their own Islamic pattern.



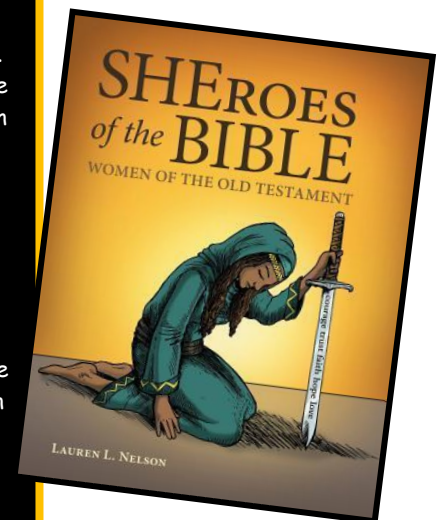
Year 4 News



We are looking forward to some exciting topics and learning opportunities. The first half of the term reverts back to Geography where Year 4 are studying 'Investigating Rivers' which links back to the 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 digestion system and human teeth and follows on from their work in Year 3 on human nutrition, 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 writing instructions and explanations before moving onto a story that finds the character in need of our help. Multiplication and division will be a big focus for the start of this half term. This knowledge helps us to work with other concepts later on with more ease due to the speed at which we can recall these facts. Later on this half term, we will begin to explore 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 is continuing with Games and Gymnastics. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 News

Happy New Year! 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 animals including humans. Exploring habitats and how they develop as they grow older. 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 into our own lives. Our Geography 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 we remind you that 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. The same applies to reading books. Thank you!



Year 6 News



Welcome back after the Christmas break! 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 Accelerated 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 effecting the world globally. In Art, we will be focusing on Monet and looking at 'What can you see?' The Christian Value we will explore is 'Perseverance'. This half term, we will be focusing on significant events around the world, the children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. We are looking forward to another exciting term with Year 6!



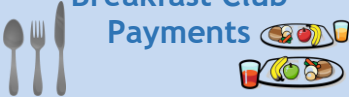
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School Dinner and Breakfast Club Payments



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.

Year 3 Cornet Concert

Last half term, Year 3 performed their Cornet Concert. With the help of Rochdale Music Service, they have been learning how to read music and play the cornet. The children thoroughly enjoyed their weekly music lessons and their performances were fantastic!



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	87.6%	Rec RK	92.1%
Rec RM	93.6%	Year 1S	93.7%
Year 1K	95%	Year 2H	94%
Year 2W	96.1%	Year 3H	95.1%
Year 3G	95.4%	Year 4J	94%
Year 4C	95.2%	Year 5M	95.1%
Year 5F	95.9%	Year 6N	93.4%
Year 6H	89.8%	Whole School	93.9%

Well Done!

But needs to be better!

The week of 15th – 19th November was 'National Anti-Bullying Week'. The theme this year was 'One Kind Word!'

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. As a result, the children took part in lots of activities during the week to reinforce the message that bullying is wrong and being kind is the best thing someone can do!

**ONE
KIND
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The theme for
Anti-Bullying
Week 2021 is

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NOVEMBER
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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school and 'Happy 2022!' 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 3rd 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 28th February to Thursday 3rd 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