

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Parents' Evening



Wednesday 30th March is parents' evening.

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to see your child's work and discuss their progress with the class teacher.

We operate an appointment system to help reduce waiting time.

Please ensure you return the slip that will be sent out, so we can allocate you a time to meet your child's class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you then!



SPRING TERM 2021/22 2ND HALF TERM

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a restful half-term break and enjoyed spending time with your children during the week's holiday.

It is now the second half of the spring term and it feels like the year is going by very quickly. We are really enjoying the slightly lighter evenings and the warmer spring weather - let's hope it continues. We have lots of news to tell you about, things that happened last half term and events that are coming up!

We have now entered the season of Lent - a time of reflection in the Christian calendar. In school we are thinking about how we can change for the better and asking for God's support to be better people. Our Christian value this term is 'Justice'.

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!



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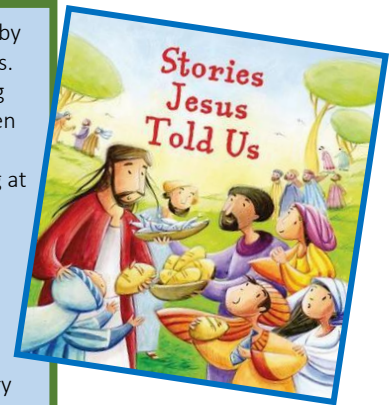
We all had great fun dressing up as book characters on Thursday 3rd March. The day got off to a great start with an assembly where everybody showed their costumes off! We were delighted to find that, thanks to the children's kind donations, we raised over £270 for Book Aid International. This money will help to pay for books in less economically developed countries.

Have a look at some of our photos, there are more to see on our school website, including pictures of all the children in their fantastic costumes!



Nursery News

Our topic this half term is Tradition Tales. We start this topic off with 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' followed by 'The Three Little Pigs'. Children will be acting out the stories helping to develop their speaking and listening skills. We will also be going on our first ever coach trip to 'Lancaster Farm and Animal Park'. This will be a very exciting trip where children will get to see and feed various farm animals. Throughout this term we will continue to listen to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learning to recognise numbers 1-10, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards and learning to write our names. These are all things that children should be practising at home. In RE we are starting the topics 'Stories Jesus Told' and 'Easter'. We will be listening to stories that Jesus told others. We will also be learning why Christians celebrate Easter and why it is an important time of year for Christians. There will also be another visit to our local church at the end of term. We will continue to send a 'Home Learning Challenge' each week and 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 it improves their literacy skills. Don't forget to regularly check the school website for photos and videos of your children enjoying their learning at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery team.



Reception News



Welcome back to another fun filled half term! We hope you had a fantastic break, making lots of memories together and are ready for another exciting half term in Reception - including our first school trip to Smithills Farm. Please have a look at the school website gallery for our photos - we had a fantastic time! This half term our topic is 'Traditional Tales and farm animals', where we will start by learning about farm animals and reading our bug club non-fiction book - 'On the Farm'. We will then move onto the Traditional Tales of 'The Little Red Hen' and then 'Billy Goats Gruff'. In Maths, we will be learning one more and one less than; and we will be counting sounds, actions and objects through our own St. Peter's mini Olympics! It should be really exciting. This half term, our RE topic is Easter - we will be learning about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday and how this affects the lives of Christians across the world. We will act out each event on our outdoor stage. Please continue to encourage your child to use their phonics when reading at home; we are seeing such great improvements in the children's ability to read. We look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening to discuss the progress your child is making - we are so proud of all the work the children do. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to one of the team.

Year 1 News

Welcome back to the spring half term! In RE we will be looking at the Easter story and discussing why this celebration is important to Christians. We will be discussing how the Easter story links to new beginnings at spring time and the significant meaning behind Jesus dying for us on the cross. In English we will be looking at how and why we write letters, poetry and exploring new texts. We will be looking at a number of different books such as Handa's Hen, George and the Dragon and the Great Fire of London nursery rhyme. In Maths we will be measuring different objects by using cubes and rulers. We will also be finding the difference between lengths, comparing and measuring weights, and revisiting addition and place value. We will focus on the topic of 'Habitats' in our science lessons which will include understanding what a habitat is and exploring different types of habitats which are used by different animals. In history, we have started a new topic which is all about 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be sequencing the events on a timeline and comparing travel, jobs and buildings from now to 1666. We will also be developing our historical vocabulary through this topic. In DT we will be continuing to look at homes and the different types of homes and houses throughout the world. We will be also designing and using different materials to create our own houses. Our Computing lessons will involve developing our skills on how to searching the internet for various images. In PE we will continue to improve our gymnastics, dance and games skills through weekly lessons.



Year 2 News



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We have many exciting events planned for the children so keep your eyes peeled. In maths, we will start the term by focusing on multiplication and division using arrays. Towards the end of the term, we will look at money and how to calculate change using number bonds. We will also be doing a weekly 'MAD MINUTES' sessions, where the children are timed whilst completing their times tables. Ready, steady, get practising! In English, we are focusing on the book 'Hansel and Gretel' 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 History, our topic is 'What was Rochdale's Role in the Industrial Revolution?' Throughout this topic, we will be exploring what the industrial revolution is and its importance to modern society. Our Science topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will look at how to identify whether something is living, dead or never been alive using MRS GREN. Can you remember what this stands for? In RE, we will be focusing on the topic 'Easter Symbols'. Our learning will be focused around 'Big Questions' and we will be discussing the many symbols you will see around Easter time and explore what they represent.

Year 3 News

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! Yet again it will be jam packed full of lots of great activities for the children to do. Our focus in RE will be Lent and Easter. Year 3 will learn about the stories of Holy Week, the emotions that these events can stir and the true meaning of Lent, including the rituals and the way we celebrate. In Maths, we will be focusing on: perimeters, fractions, place value, multiplication and division. We will also be concentrating on mental addition and subtraction, continuing with the written methods for both of these. Make sure you are practising your mad minutes at home! We will be spending the next few weeks in English looking Roman Mythology and Newspaper reports. We will also be focusing on grammar as we need to improve our understanding of completing and punctuating sentences. Our focus in Science this term will be looking at the life cycle of a Frog and Pond Life. They will transfer the frogspawn to the school pond and then observe over the term the progress. This in turn will allow the children to research and find out about what other animals, insects live in or around the pond. History this term will focus on the Roman invasion and the impact they had on Britain. They will learn the lives, challenges and achievements of the Romans in Britain. This will be further investigated by our Year 3 trip to Grosvenor Museum in Chester - have a look out for photos on the website.



Year 4 News



To kick start our History topic, "Anglo Saxons and Vikings", we visited Tatton Park in our first week. While we were there, we experienced what life was like as Anglo-axons in "Briton" after the invasion of the Vikings. This experience helped us with future learning for our History lessons. In English, we will be starting off looking at narrative poetry and discovering how the Weeping Willow tree got its name. After that, we will move on to exploring mystical stories including a stories about, Mermaids, Selkies and Beowulf, the monster. We will finish off by writing non-chorological reports about the Anglo – Saxons and the Vikings which links with our History topic. In Maths, we will be exploring fractions in great detail: what they are; how they are used in everyday life; and adding and subtracting fractions. We will then move on to decimals and investigate the pattern between them. In Science, Year 4 moves onto living things and their habitats where we will be looking at what all living things have in common. We will then move look at what makes living things different and thing how we can compare them. In RE, this term, we will focus on Trust and Betrayal. We will explore who we can trust and if we can trust all of these individuals for all things we need help with. The themes of Trust and Betrayal link to the Easter story. Please remember that all children are still required to bring their swimming kit on Monday morning including a bathing suit and towel.

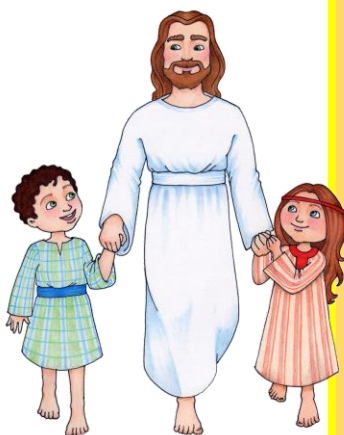
Year 5 News

Welcome back everyone! We have a really exciting half term ahead of us! We have already had World Book Day and our educational visit to Quarry Bank Mill! In English, we will begin the term by looking at the work of William Shakespeare and his famous plays! We will be focusing on understanding Romeo and Juliet and how we can use our knowledge and vocabulary to understand difficult words and phrases! We will then move onto non-fiction reference texts based on true or false and finally our poetry unit of 'You Wait till I'm Older Than You!' In Maths, alongside the revisiting of place value and the four operations, we will also look at factors and multiples so keep practicing your times tables! Our science unit will cover animals and their habitats. For RE we will be focusing on the period of Lent, Holy Week and Easter and how this time in the Christian calendar is a celebration of Victory! We will look at the inspiration we can take from Jesus and his journey to the cross and resurrection and how we can use this to motivate us through our own life's challenges and victories. Our History topic is 'What was life like for children during Queen Victoria's reign?' We will look at home life, education and we will get to experience this on our school trip! In DT we will be looking at bread. We will look at the origins of bread making, bread around the world and eventually the children will be making their own! 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. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all during Parents' Evening.

ROMEO & Juliet



Year 6 News



Welcome back! 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 chronological reports, thinking about the short film clip 'Lighthouse'. We will then be moving onto 'The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas'. 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 Persuasive writing. In Maths, we will begin with finding percentages and fractions of amounts. Then we will move onto looking at multiplication and division. 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 'Living things and their Habitats'. Children will get the opportunity to learn about Carl Linnaeus and his classification system. In History, the topic we are looking at is 'What was Life like for Children during WW1?' We will be learning about how the war effected the world globally, thinking mainly about children. In DT, we will be focusing on designing and creating our own slippers. The Christian Value we will explore is 'Justice'. This half term, we will be focusing on 'Who is Jesus?', 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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~ Visit from 'West End in Schools' ~

With the guidance of an expert drama facilitator, the children experienced stories from a new perspective as they developed their feelings and thoughts about 'Stick Man', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Oliver Twist'. The drama exercises enabled the children to imagine and explore the characters, context and topics from new angles. Every class had a drama workshop that they thoroughly enjoyed!



School Dinner Payments

If your child has school dinners, please can we remind you that you **MUST** pay in advance. Failure to do so, could result in suspension from school dinners. The cost of pupil dinners this year are £12 per week.



Forthcoming Events

EYFS/KS1 - EASTER BONNETS

Wednesday 6th April



Decorate a hat for your child to wear in the 'Easter Bonnet Parade'.

KS2 - EASTER EGGS COMPETITION

Tuesday 5th April



Decorate an egg for your child to display in our competition!



Staff World Book Day Costumes! Can you spot Mr Whelan as 'Where's Wally'?

Update from Mrs Stubbs (SENDCo)

Just a note from me to say thank you so much to parents for attending our very successful Speech and Language coffee mornings this term! Please keep an eye out for future invitations as we have more SEN Parent coffee mornings coming up around Social Communication Difficulties, Mental Health and children with specific learning difficulties. It has been a great opportunity to meet with professionals direct alongside parents who have children with similar needs. This term we are thinking about the upcoming Easter Resurrection story, from this we will also be talking a lot about our school 'Resurrection Mindset', which encourages resilience in children and positive self-talk - I can't wait to share more about this with you at home.



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	88.3%	Rec RK	92.0%
Rec RM	93.1%	Year 1S	93.6%
Year 1K	94.5%	Year 2F	94.7%
Year 2W	96.7%	Year 3H	95.0%
Year 3G	95.1%	Year 4J	93.5%
Year 4C	94.5%	Year 5N	94.2%
Year 5F	95.7%	Year 6M	93.8%
Year 6H	90.7%	Whole School	93.8



Well Done! ✓

Headteacher Message

Last half term was yet another incredibly rewarding half term at St Peter's and I am always delighted, when going around the school, by the children's work, behaviour and attitude to learning. We really are lucky here at St Peter's to teach such well-mannered, caring and responsible pupils. We've had some fun events already with a visit from 'West End in Schools' and 'World Book Day'; I really enjoyed seeing all the costumes! Events like 'World Book Day' are also a good opportunity for us to help others around the world that are less fortunate than ourselves. In this season of Lent we are encouraging the children to reflect on how their behaviour, the choices and the decisions they make can affect those around them and remembering the important words of Jesus 'Love one another as I have loved you!'.

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