

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 2021/22
1ST HALF TERM



Nursery Places

Afternoon Nursery places are still available for September 2022. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in your child starting at our wonderful Nursery please come and get an application form from the school office. If you have already applied, notification of place has 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!



Easter CELEBRATIONS



Towards the end of Lent, Reverend Anne and Father Darren came to school to watch and take part in our 'Stations of the Cross' service. Children from each year group read a reading and a prayer for each station. Reverend Anne and Father Darren lit a Paschal candle to remind us that Jesus was resurrected on Easter Sunday. He gave His life to save us all.



The children in EYFS and KS1 learned about Maundy Thursday and why Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Mr Whelan and Mr Wood washed 12 children's feet to show us how we can show kindness to other people, just like Jesus did.

We hope you all a Happy Easter.

Nursery News

Welcome back, we hope you all had a very restful Easter holiday, the children all had lots to tell us when they returned to school. It was lovely to see the children all returning ready to start our very busy summer term. Our topic this half term is called 'In the Garden'. We start this topic off with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' followed by 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. During this topic we will be planting and growing potatoes, sunflowers and cress. We will also receive a special delivery of our very own caterpillars which we will need to look after and watch them change into beautiful butterflies. Throughout this term we will be learning how to hear and write the initial sounds in words, learning to recognise numbers 1-10, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards and learning how to correctly form the letters in our names. These are all things that your children can be practising at home. In RE we are starting the topic 'Special Places'. We will be thinking about places that are special to us and why they are special. During our 'Faith Week' we will be learning about the Buddhism faith. We will be learning about the main beliefs, the symbols and their meanings. There will also be another visit to our local church at the end of this half term. Don't forget to regularly check the school website for photos and videos of your child enjoying their learning at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery team.



Reception News

Our last term in Reception! We cannot believe how fast this year is going! This half term our topic is 'In the Garden', we will be learning all about mini-beasts and how plants grow, with our books being 'SuperWorm' 'Things with Wings' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Our role play area has been turned into Gordon Riggs! In maths we will be developing our reasoning skills by solving word problems, exploring patterns in numbers, including odd and even numbers and developing our understanding of positional language. In RE we will be learning all about 'Special Places', the children will be given the opportunity to discuss their special places and the memories they have made there, as well as learning about the special places Jesus visited, such as the temple. Please continue to read at home with your children and write a comment in their reading record, this really helps to develop their reading ability. We want to thank you all for your continued support and if there is anything you would like to discuss in regards to your child's learning, do come and speak to one of the team.



Year 1 News

Welcome back to the first half of summer term. In Year One 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 peace of scripture that baptism is based on. In maths, the children will be focusing on fractions, 3D shapes, money, time, and addition and subtraction. In English, we will be looking at fairy tales and fantasy stories before moving onto letters, information texts and poetry. As the Year One 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 1K class pages. Please make sure your child has their reading books and reading records in school every day to ensure they are getting new books each week. PE kits must also be in school every day for children to take part. Homework is given out on Fridays and needs to be completed by your child and returned the following Thursday.



Year 2 News

We have many exciting events planned for the children so keep your eyes peeled. 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 RE, we will be focusing on the topic 'Ascension and Pentecost'. Our learning will be focused around many 'Big Questions' and we will be discussing our views of heaven and what this looks like to us. In English, we are focusing on the book 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. The children will be making predictions, exploring unfamiliar words, ordering the events of the story and answering comprehension questions. Towards the end of this unit the children will be writing their own version of the story by changing the character that the boy meets in the forest. In Geography, our topic is 'What are the Seven Wonders of the World?' Throughout this topic, we will consider what a 'wonder' is and what makes a 'wonder'. The children will then create a brochure to try and persuade people to come and visit one of the various ancient and modern wonders. Our Science topic is 'Plants'. We will look at the life cycle of a plant and how they disperse their seeds. Later in the unit, we will observe the similarities and differences between seeds and bulbs by dissecting them and understanding the name and role of each part. We have also planted cauliflower and beetroot seeds! We can't wait to see how they grow!

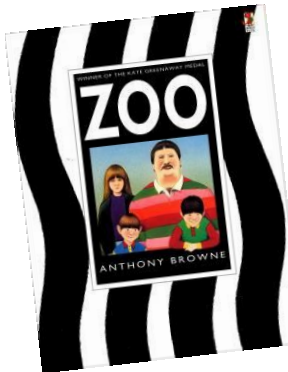


Year 3 News

Welcome back to yet another jam packed Summer term. We hope you enjoyed your Easter break and did not indulge too much with the Easter Eggs. Although this is a short term there are lots of exciting things the children will be doing. In Maths, the children will be looking at the expanded and compact methods for addition and subtraction. They will also recognise and identify the features of 2D and 3D shapes. Children will be doing some data handling work too. Our focus in English this term will be stories from other cultures and persuasive writing for advertisements. The children will be building their descriptive writing skills to sell a holiday to the south west coastline of England linking in nicely with our Geography topic. Our focus in RE will be 'Rules for Living'. This unit will see us looking closely at the Ten Commandments and how they link with our modern laws. We will also be discussing the difference between rules and laws. Computing will see us become communicators! We will be using emails to communicate with our partner and creating a presentation on what we are learning about in class. We will then be presenting our presentations to the class; we will also be looking at using video conferencing. Our Geography topic this term is coastlines. We will be focusing on the British coastlines and the wildlife and tourism they generate. We will be visiting Blackpool Sealife Centre and the Blackpool Coastline on the 20th May 2022 to get a better understanding. In Art, we will be looking at sculptures specifically creating a model of a sculpture designed to enhance our school environment. PE is on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days. Thank you!



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. In English, we are 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 books of David Walliams which are very funny. In Maths, we continue to challenge and stretch ourselves using problem solving techniques. We have been securing our knowledge of compact subtraction this week. This is a method most parents will probably be familiar with. In Science, we are looking at Trees. This is a topic specifically used for St Peter's as we have a wide variety of trees within our grounds to appreciate and explore. Towards the end of the topic, we will be find out which is the oldest and youngest trees in our school. This term we will going on a walk of the local area for our Geography field work to explore which rocks can be found in Rochdale. This links to our topic on earthquakes and volcanoes. In R.E., we are learning about what makes up a church. At the beginning the children thought that a church was just a building. We are currently building up a bigger picture about how a church is shaped by the people. This term's Art focuses on journeys and how we can record them through drawing and collage.

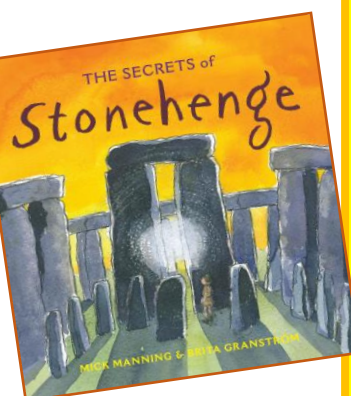
Year 5 News

Welcome back Year 5, we hope you enjoyed your Easter holiday! 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 persuasion! In Maths, we will start by looking at drawing line graphs and using them to help us convert between imperial and metric units. We will then move on to furthered developing our operation skills and using these in problem solving and reasoning. For our Science Unit, Year Five will look at the unit plants. We will have the opportunity to investigate plants in our own school grounds and even plant some vegetables themselves! For RE Year 5 will explore The Bible in more detail. Specifically looking at how Christians use the Bible for advice and guidance in many different situations in life. The children will compare this to who and where they feel they would seek advice and guidance from in their own lives. Our topic work in Geography will be focusing on 'What is it like in the Amazon?' Children will dive into the rainforest, the animals, the climate and compare a major city in the region to where we live. In Art we will be looking at textiles – concentrating on the area of silk painting. I won't give too much away but this will link to our English topic! May I remind you that although Year 5 are scheduled to have indoor P.E. on a Tuesday and Wednesday and outdoor P.E. on a Friday, kit should be in school at all times in case on any last minute changes. The same applies to reading books.



Year 6 News

Welcome back after the Easter 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 focusing on 'Wuthering Heights', thinking about how the ending could be changed. We will then be moving onto 'The First Drawing by M Gerstein' and 'The Secrets of Stonehenge by M Manning'. We will be reading the story in class and basing our writing around it. We will be using the facts form the text to produce our own information texts. In Maths, we will begin with ratio and proportion. Then we will move onto looking at scale factor. 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 'Evolution & Inheritance: Adaptation' within our Biology unit. Children will get the opportunity to learn about inheritance, thinking about the features they have inherited themselves. In Geography, the topic we are looking at is 'How will our world look in the future?' We will be learning about how aspects of our local area have changes over time and create our own designs for the future. In Art, we will be focusing on designing and creating our own hat or mask. The Christian Value we will explore is 'Service'. This half term, we will be focusing on 'Life as a Journey', 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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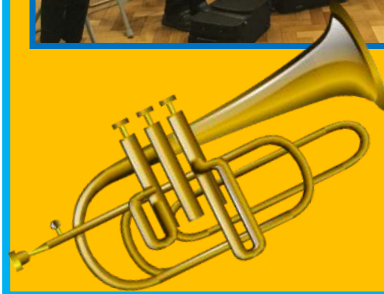
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Year 4 Cornet Concert

Last half term, Year 4 performed their Cornet Concert. With the help of Rochdale Music Service, they have been learning how to read music and play the cornet over the last three months. They built up their initial skills by learning individual notes of C, D and E. Then they learnt to play songs with one note and then multiple notes. Finally, they learnt another note - B flat - in order to play and sing the well-known song - The Eye of the Tiger. Well done on your performance! KS2 and the parents who attended thoroughly enjoyed it.



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!



EID CELEBRATIONS



Eid was celebrated at the beginning of May, and we hope all our families had a fantastic time with friends and family during the festivities.

ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	88.5%	Rec RK	92.1%
Rec RM	92.6%	Year 1S	93.9%
Year 1F	94.0%	Year 2K	94.0%
Year 2W	96.2%	Year 3H	93.8%
Year 3G	95.4%	Year 4J	93.1%
Year 4C	94.1%	Year 5N	94.0%
Year 5M	94.9%	Year 6M	93.2%
Year 6H	91.6%	Whole School	93.5%

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 have been taking their Key Stage SATs tests and Year 1 who will be doing their phonics test. 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.

Mr A Whelan