

# St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2021/22  
2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM**



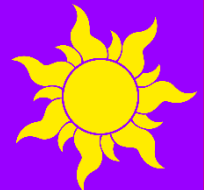
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now the final half term of the year and we can't believe how quickly this year has flown 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, and fully utilising the grounds 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 and we hope you have a fantastic summer!



## Dates for your Diaries

**Key Stage 2 Sports Day**  
Tuesday 21 June - 9.30am

**EYFS Sports Day**  
Wednesday 22 June - 9.30am

**Key Stage 1 Sports Day**  
Wednesday 22 June - 1.30pm

**Class Photo Day**  
Friday 24 June

**St Peter's Feast Day**  
Wednesday 28 June

**Transition Day**  
Tuesday 5 July

**Star of the Year  
Assembly**  
Monday 18 July - 9.00am

**Summer Attendance  
Assembly**  
Tuesday 19 July - 9.00am

**Year 6 Leavers'  
Assembly**  
Wednesday 20 July - 9.00am

## Platinum Jubilee Celebration

This year Her Majesty the Queen celebrated her Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service and the whole school got involved celebrating Her historic reign. The day started with an assembly led by Mr Whelan where we sang the National Anthem; this was followed by time in classes where each year group looked at a different decade of Queen Elizabeth's reign and wrote a letter to the Queen; we had a celebratory Jubilee lunch and the afternoon was spent on the school field having 'Union Jack' cake and listening to music. It was such a lovely day!



## Nursery News

I would like to start by welcoming all our families back after the half term holiday and we hope that you all had a restful break! Our new topic this term is called 'Superheroes'. The first book that we will be looking at is 'The Flying Bath' by Julia Donaldson. This is about an amazing bath that can actually fly and helps people in need. In this story we will be looking at what speech bubbles are and we will also be writing our own speech bubbles. We will also be making our own books about the characters. In RE we are starting the topic 'How God Created the World', we will be thinking about how God created all the wonderful things, including us! We will be retelling the story using musical instruments. We will also be thinking about our families and the different people we know and how they help us. Throughout the term we will be listening to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learning to recognise numbers, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards. We will also be listening to the sounds we can hear at the beginning of words and learning how to write them. These are all things that children should also be practising at home. We will continue to send your children home with a weekly home learning challenge, please complete the tasks in this book each week. This will help to improve the children's learning further. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## Reception News

Welcome back to our last half term in Reception! This half term our topic is ... Superheroes! We will start the half term with the story Supertato, in this story an Evil Pea is on the loose, can we help catch him?! The children will be making their own traps, labelling them and also writing sentences about how they work! We will then move onto There is no Dragon in this Story, where we might see characters that we recognise from some familiar stories. We continue to stress the importance of oral hygiene through our Superhero topic, our role play area has been transformed into a dental surgery! The children will be reminded of the importance of brushing twice a day and avoiding sugary foods. We will also begin our tooth brushing scheme in class, each child will have their own brush and be supervised brushing their teeth once a day. In Maths we will recap addition and subtraction and begin to develop our reasoning skills by solving word problems. We will also continue to work on the children's understanding and fast recall of number bonds to 5 and 10, using our outdoor area to play fun games relating to this. Our RE topic is Friendship, we will be learning all about what makes a good friend, who are friends are and who Jesus' friends were and what Jesus and his friends liked to do together. We would like to again stress the importance of reading with your child at home, we can see the progress the children are making from reading at home, so please continue to allow your child to read their book to you or an older sibling.



## Year 1 News

Welcome back to the final term of Year One! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing week off. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this last half term. 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 experience 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 fantasy stories looking at superheroes, poetry and instructions. 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 time, multiplication, division, using number facts to add/subtract money and position and direction. We will also continue to work on our problem solving and reasoning skills. We will begin a new topic in science looking at the different seasons focusing on weather, clothes, special events and months in each season. In history we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and comparing nursing in the present day. As part of this topic we will be looking at how life has changed over the decades and comparing things such as nurses uniform, equipment, resources and hospitals. We will also look at how Britain has been influenced by the wider world.



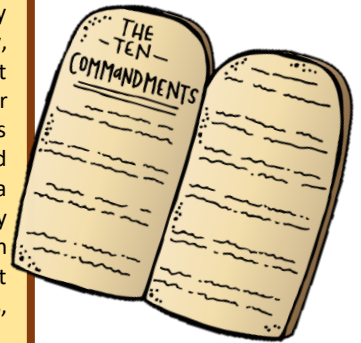
## Year 2 News

Welcome back to the final term of Year 2! We have a very excited term planned, with lots of great activities and learning ahead. We have already enjoyed our last trip of Year 2 at CommuniTree, and what a great time we had! I think we are all ready now to share our new learning into place all about bees and pollination! This half term, in English we are going to be reading 'Pirates Next Door', by Jonny Duddle. Have you ever read a pirate book? I wonder what will happen? We will spend time exploring the illustrations, asking questions about the characters, writing our own descriptions and end with writing our very own pirate story! I can't wait to hear your ideas! In maths, we will revisit place value, placing numbers on a number line, fractions, time and solve reasoning questions. We will continue with our mad minutes weekly challenges, and hopefully you will be awarded with your next Mad Minutes certificate! Our science topic is 'Bees and Pollination', which we already know lots about from our school trip. We will look closely at the life cycle of a bee and study their purpose in the world. What is an eco-system? We will learn lots of new scientific vocabulary! It is time to do history this half term, and we will be studying past and present explorers. Have you ever heard of Christopher Columbus? I wonder what qualities you need to be an explorer. I am excited to learn more about this, and see if maybe you could ever be an explorer! We will continue to give homework every Friday, along with spellings and mad minutes. Please support your child with completing these and handing them in on time (every Thursday). Thank you for your continued support!



## Year 3 News

Welcome back to the last term of the school year! We hope you enjoyed your half term break and were able to take part in the Jubilee festivities during the holidays. In RE, we will continue looking at the 10 Commandments and the impact they have on our everyday life. The children will come up with and discuss new rules and whether they would be more appropriate in today's society. In English the children will reinforce their understanding of poetry, recognising the features that are required when writing a poem. They will be introduced to Roald Dahl's play about The Witches and look at the difference in layout and dialogue writing. Forces and Magnets is the Science topic for this term. They will look at the properties of magnets and how they work, as well as their everyday use of forces such as pushing, pulling and twisting. In History, we will be studying the Roman invasion and we will understand the impact they had on our local area. The area we will be focusing on will be Chester where the Romans had a huge impact and influence. As always, your children will receive spellings to learn every week alongside a weekly piece of homework relating to that week's work. Please can you encourage your children to read at home as much as possible. This is vital to their success at school and will benefit them greatly. Even if it is only a small amount every day. There has been a great effort so far on reading but we can always do more! If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will ensure to answer any questions you may have.



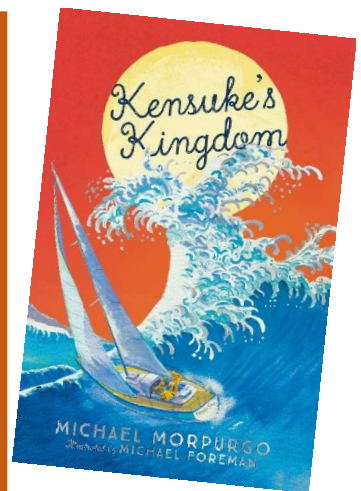
## Year 4 News



Oh my goodness 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 some of the usual end of Year activities such as St Peter's Feast Day. We have already had an exciting STEM week where we used Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology to create some healthy and tasty food. In Maths, we will be completing some of the final units in geometry: angles, symmetry, quadrilaterals, and triangles. For the final few weeks we will revisit some topics and concepts that were taught earlier and needed some polishing, particularly those taught during online learning. In English, we begin by looking at Tudor information texts which link to our new History topic. The aim is to write a non-chronological report. After this, we move on to reading and exploring 'How to Train your Dragon'. We finish the English curriculum for this year by reading and writing some nonsense poetry. Science learning explores Sound and is the second physics topic of the year. Here, we explore how sounds are made and what can affect the pitch and the volume of a sound. In RE, we begin with a new Health and Relationships unit and follow that by exploring artwork and religion. Finally, we truly hope that you have all enjoyed your year in the year 4 team and we look forward to a hard but rewarding final term. Thank you for your continued support this year.

## Year 5 News

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! In English this half term, we will begin our term by reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo, investigating settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. 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. For our Science Unit, Year Five will look at the unit of forces. I won't give too much away, but expect experiments and investigations with parachutes! For RE Year 5 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. One of the questions we will be investigating is: How has the story of Jesus been spread around the world? Our topic work will move towards History, by investigating the big question 'Who were the Rochdale pioneers?' In this unit, the children will explore the beginning of the co-operative movement and how this started in their hometown!



## Year 6 News



Welcome back to the final term of Year 6! We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this last half term. Over the course of this half term the children will be working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. This half term within RE, we will be focusing on 'Ascension and Pentecost' and sharing our thoughts as a class. The children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. The Christian Value we will explore is 'Truthfulness'. Within 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 'The Eighteenth Emergency' by Bets Byars, thinking about writing an alternative ending, we will also 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 newspaper articles and ending the year looking at poems. Within maths, we will begin with place value, thinking about rounding. Then we will move onto looking at fraction 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. Within science, we will be looking at electricity. Children will get the opportunity to observe how electricity works and thinking about how a circuit is formed correctly. Within History, we will be looking at modern Britain and thinking about 'How has life changed in modern Britain?'. We will be learning about important events that have happened within modern Britain and how that has changed our lives today.



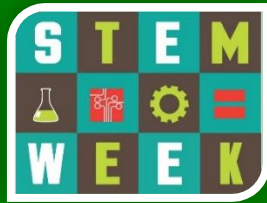
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From the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> June, the children were very lucky to be given the challenge of STEM week; the children were certainly challenged and lots of fun was had by all!

### What is STEM?

STEM 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 healthy eating and food technology that would promote their problem solving skills; the children had to use their knowledge of all four subjects and logical thinking to create edible masterpieces.



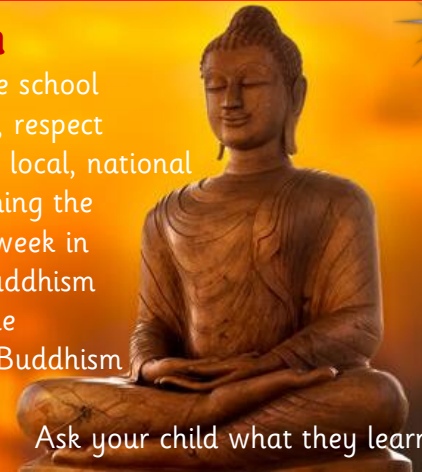
## SEND Updates

This term has been a busy one, including planning lots of transitions for children moving up year groups in September, and those moving on up to High School; I know every child is ready for their next exciting chapter. We have a special Learn, Love, Grow Together Day coming up in a few weeks focusing on building all those core values we keep in our hearts at St Peter's - keep an eye out for a letter with more information! A special end of year thank you, as always, for all the support you give your children in growing to become the best versions of themselves.



## Faith Week - Buddhism

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. On the week beginning the 16<sup>th</sup> May, we carried out our annual faith week in order to have a secure understanding of Buddhism and the beliefs of the Buddhist Faith. All the children learned about different aspects of Buddhism in-depth and shared their learning across the school.



Ask your child what they learned!

## Punctuality and Attendance



Please ensure your child is in school and ready to start the school day by 8:50am every morning. Every minute counts towards your child's education.

LOST MINUTES =  
LOST LEARNING!



## ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	88.8%	Rec RK	92.3%
Rec RM	92.9%	Year 1K	94.0%
Year 1S	94.2%	Year 2F	94.2%
Year 2W	96.3%	Year 3H	93.9%
Year 3G	95.4%	Year 4J	92.8%
Year 4C	94.5%	Year 5M	94.2%
Year 5F	95.3%	Year 6N	93.7%
Year 6H	92.2%	Whole School	93.7%



Well Done  
but could be better!



## 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 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.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so supportive of your children's education. It really is appreciated. As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education. I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mr A Whelan