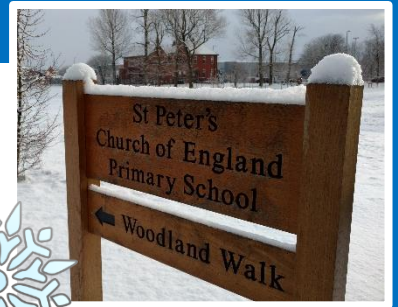


St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM 2022/23
2ND HALF TERM



Dear Parents/Carers,

The second part of the Autumn term is now racing by and winter is fast approaching bringing with it colder weather and darker evenings. What a busy half term we have already had so far!

The season of Advent is forthcoming, a time of hope and waiting, where we have an opportunity to reflect on the year and get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Our Christmas Fair will be going ahead this year - the first since 2019! We are also delighted to be doing Christmas Shows and we wish you all a hopeful and reflective season of preparation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued Support. We are so proud of the children here at St Peter's with how they have such a drive to learn!



Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will be taking part in 'Children in Need'. We will have a non-uniform day to raise money to help 'Children in Need'. Thanks Everyone!



REMINDERS

NO PARKING

Due to the narrowness of the road and congestion, we ask that you **do not park** on Muriel Street or in the turning circle outside the school gate when dropping off or collecting your child. Parents are allowed to use Gordon Riggs car park or the layby opposite.



Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget



On the week of 11th November, the whole school participated in different events linked to Armistice. On Tuesday 8th November Year 6 went to the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester to look at the history behind war and conflict, and how it has affected the world we live in today. On Thursday 10th Year 6 children started the day with a very moving collective worship for the whole school.

All the children also attended a very moving service on the 11th where Mr Law, who served in the Royal Navy for 22 years came in do a reading, and this was followed by 2 minutes' silence. All the children showed real empathy.

The School Council have also been around the classes to sell poppies to the children to raise money for the Royal British Legion charity.



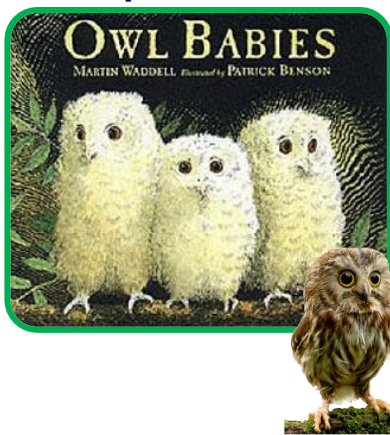


Nursery News

We have had a very busy and exciting half term. We have now got to know all your children and what their next steps are to move their learning forward. This term our topic is Animals. We will be learning about different animals and where they live, and what animals make good pets and which ones don't. In RE we are starting the topics 'Special Times' and 'Christmas'. We will be looking at how we celebrate special times with our families and why Christmas is important to Christians. We will be looking at photos of your children at their own celebrations and they will share their experiences with their friends. Our first book this term will be 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. This book will introduce us to what animals make good pets and which ones don't. We will be describing these animals using words like 'fierce' and 'grumpy'. 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, recognising and copying our names. These are all things that children could also do at home with parents and older sibling. We have sent your children home with a 'Home Learning Book' please complete the tasks each week with your children. This will help to improve your children's learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff. Thank you for continued your support.



Reception News



We will begin this half term by exploring all things autumn! Our first story 'The Leaf Thief' explains the changes that occur in autumn, we will also begin to recognise the changes in our own outdoor area as well collecting autumnal objects to make wreaths and engage in transient art activities. Our learning will then move onto animals, looking at nocturnal animals in 'Owl Babies' and our, non-fiction text 'Night Animals', before moving onto 'Monkey Puzzle'. The children will be having lots of fun making animals using playdough, creating their own fact files and matching young animals with their habitats. In Maths we will continue to develop our number recognition and counting skills, learn key vocabulary related to capacity and size and also begin to describe the properties of shapes. We will also revisit addition and subtraction, with some fun practical games in our outdoor area to help us! This half term our RE topic is Special Times, this will include discussing our own special memories, the feeling associated with the memory, Jesus' special times and thinking about why it is important to celebrate special times. The children are making great progress in phonics, they are beginning to recognise a range of letters and can recall the sound they make, some children are now beginning to blend the sounds to read some words! Please continue to encourage your child to read their book at home, we love listening to them read to us in school!

Year 1 News

We have got an exciting half term planned in Year 1! In RE we will be learning about, and expanding on, the Christmas Story. We will explore the scripture that tells us all about the birth of Jesus Christ and dive deeper into what this means for us in our lives. In history we are going to be learning all about life in the past and discover how lots of objects and possessions were different for our grandparents. In DT we will be looking at moving picture books and creating a variety of moving pictures. In science we will be continuing our learning on materials and carrying out lots of exciting experiments. We went on a fantastic trip to Legoland to support our science topic. In maths we are going to be working on addition and subtraction and our number bonds to 10. In English we will be practising basic sentence structure and starting to use a range of adjectives. We will also be looking at rhyming poems and reading Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present. During this half term we will continue to focus on developing the pupil's phonics knowledge. Please ensure you read with your child at home and complete all phonics activities and homework sent out during the term. This term leads up to Christmas and all the exciting events that involves at St Peter's. Please keep looking at the school website for information and dates for your diary. We look forward to another great half term with Year 1.



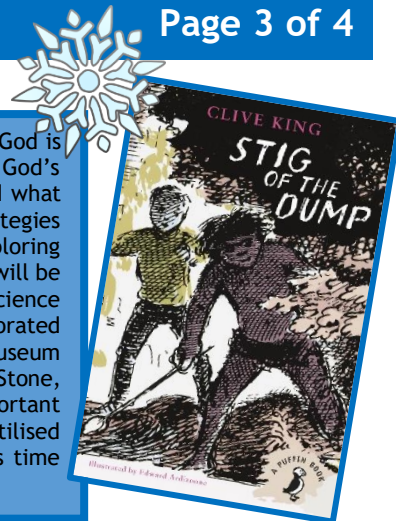
Year 2 News



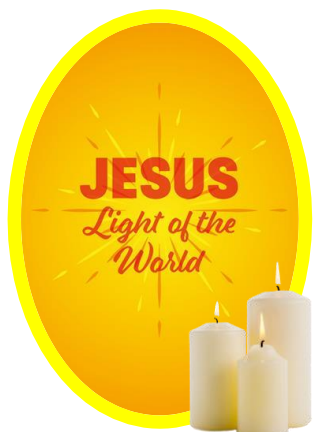
Welcome back to the second half of the first term. We have a lot of exciting things planned this term! In maths, we will begin by focusing on measurement with a focus on capacity and time. Do you know what time it is now? We will also be doing a weekly 'MAD MINUTES' sessions, where the children are timed whilst completing their times tables. Ready, steady, get practising! In English, we are focusing on the book 'The Cherry Tree Farm' by Enid Blyton. The children will be making predictions, exploring the front cover and making inferences based on what they have read. Towards the end of this half term, we will look at a non-fiction text all about Guy Fawkes. In History, our topic is 'Why do we remember the fifth of November?' Throughout this topic we will be exploring the events that led to Guy Fawkes plot to set the Houses of Parliament on fire. Have you heard any fireworks lately? Was his plan successful? Our Science topic continues to be 'Materials Matter'. We are now focusing on materials that are used to make different balls and the reason why these materials have been used. Which ball was the bounciest, the football or the bouncy ball? In RE, we will be focusing on the topic 'Christmas - Why was the birth of Jesus so important?' Our learning will be focused around many 'Big Questions' and we will be discussing how to spread the good news of Jesus' birth.

Year 3 News

We have a very exciting term planned in Year 3. In RE we will be moving on to our topic 'Christmas - God is with Us' this surrounds the topic of the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story. We will be focusing on God's presence and how it can impact people's lives as well as what instances we feel God's presence and what emotions/challenges it helps us with. We will be focusing on Place Value in Maths, applying mental strategies to work out calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English, we will be exploring Adventures Stories by reading Stone Age Boy and Stig of the Dump. Moving on from adventure stories, will be looking at poetry and some nonfiction texts concentrating on the format and features of both. Our new Science topic this term is Light - we will be looking at different kinds of light sources and how they are incorporated into our everyday lives. We expanded our knowledge in Science by visiting the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester - an exciting trip! We have also begun our History topic, what was life like during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages? The children will come to know how these 3 periods in History have played an important role in today's world. The children will learn how people discovered the metal Bronze and how it was utilised during this era in time. Then moving into the Iron Age and the changes that came about during this time period.



Year 4 News



After a busy first half term, we are glad to be back and we are working harder than ever! What amazing children we have in Year 4 back to school, back to learning with commitment and enthusiasm. This half term we will be looking at the successes of the Ancient Egyptians in History. In science, we have the electrifying topic of Electricity. The children will be getting stuck into practical work, building their own circuits and lighting up mini-light bulbs, as well as understanding the importance of being safe and thinking about conserving resources. We are pleased to announce that this year, once again, we will be taking part in Rochdale's Linking Network Programme. This will involve visits with and to our linking school in Heywood. This year, our first meeting was with the children and staff from Heywood Community Primary School at the M6 Theatre, where we watched a show together. In English, we will be looking at some Japanese poems that involve lots of syllable counting! We will be moving onto a book about Tutankhamun and another one about a very clever black cat. Place value will continue to be a big focus for the start of this half term. Further to this, we are starting to develop our skills in multiplication and look at challenging problems within all of our topics in maths. In RE we will continue our Prayer unit in RE exploring the prayer habits in different religions. Jesus the Light of the World is our next theme and this links in with Christmas light too! Of course, this term leads up to Christmas and all the exciting events that involves at St Peter's. Please keep looking the School website for information and dates for your diary. As always -thank you to all of our families for your continued support.

Year 5 News

Welcome back everyone! What another amazing half term we have planned in Year 5! In English, we will begin the term by looking at travel writing, focusing our attention on relative clauses. We will then look at the narrative text, *Goth Girl* and end our term with the poetry unit, *The Walrus and the Carpenter* by Lewis Carroll. In Maths, we will be looking at division facts. We will learn how to use short division and using our knowledge of times tables to help us. We will then move onto negative numbers in their real-life contexts! 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. Linking with this, we will be focusing on songs all about our Solar System to further our knowledge on this topic! For RE Year 5 will be exploring proverbs. We will be discussing the value of wisdom and reading about the wisdom of Solomon. Later on, in the term we will be moving onto Christmas: The Gospels of Matthew and Luke. We will be looking at these Gospels and their perspective of the nativity story as well as deepening our understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. Our History topic will explore the world of the Maya, and especially why most of the Maya seemed to die out around 900 AD. In D&T, we will be exploring musical instruments. We will then move on to planning and making our own. In Computing, we are looking at the unit of 'We are cryptographers' looking at different methods of code and understanding their uses. We will be working to crack the codes and design our own! May I 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 there are any last-minute changes. The same applies to reading books. Thank you!



Year 6 News

Welcome back after the half term 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 blogs and reports, thinking about formal and informal writing. We will then be moving onto 'A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens'. 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 narrative poems referring to 'The Highwayman.' In Maths, we will begin with fractions, thinking about equivalence and ordering. Then we will move onto looking at shapes; identifying the properties of shapes and calculating the area and perimeter. Children will be taking part in Freckles, our new maths software, to 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 light. Children will get the opportunity to observe how light travels and how shadows are formed. In History, we are looking at Ancient Greeks and thinking about 'Why we should thank the Ancient Greeks. We will be learning about how the Ancient Greeks have impacted the world we live in today. In DT, we will be designing and building our own shelters, making them durable, windproof and waterproof. The Christian Value we will explore is 'Compassion'. This half term, we will be focusing on 'Advent' and sharing our thoughts as a class. 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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We were delighted when our Earth Stewards were asked to open the Greater Manchester Green Summit 2022 with Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester at The Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays on Monday 17th October, due to our 'outstanding' Eco-work. This was a real privilege and the event focused on engaging people around climate change. Our 'Climate Conversations' video was also shown as part of the opening and our children spoke about the 'outstanding' work we do at our school, including achieving the 'Green Flag' award with 'Distinction', the highest level! You can watch the opening and our 'Climate Conversations' video through the Curriculum tab on our school website.

GREATER MANCHESTER GREEN SUMMIT 2022

17 October 2022
Lowry Theatre, Salford
#GMGREENSUMMIT2022



Aladdin
Pantomime
Wednesday 14th December

Christmas dinner
Thursday 15th December

A Christmas Party
Christmas Party Day
Friday 16th December
Own clothes day

Christmas Shows

Nursery
'The Nativity'
5th December 10am (AM Nursery)
5th December 2pm (PM Nursery)

Key Stage 1
'The Inn-Spectors'
9th December 2pm

Reception
'Born in a Barn'
7th December 2pm

Key Stage 2
'Silent Night'
13th December 2pm

We are excited to announce our Christmas Productions for this year. We hope you can come in and see your child perform and get yourselves into the Christmas spirit! We look forward to seeing you!

Anti-Bullying Week

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by **reaching out**.

This year the goal of Anti-Bullying Week is to remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's **reach out** and show each other the support we need.

ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	91.2%		
Rec RP	92.7%	Rec RK	94.0%
Year 1K	95.2%	Year 1A	95.0%
Year 2H	96.0%	Year 2F	96.8%
Year 3G	97.4%	Year 3W	98.6%
Year 4C	96.7%	Year 4J	95.2%
Year 5F	97.6%	Year 5H	96.0%
Year 6H	97.7%	Year 6M	97.6%
Whole School		95.9%	

Well Done!

Headteacher Message

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our school newsletter. Remember the school website is regularly updated with news and gallery pictures, so please take a look. We are fast approaching Advent and Christmas will soon be here. I'm really looking forward to the Christmas Fair and children's Christmas Shows. It will be lovely seeing you all there!

Now that the cold mornings and dark evenings are here, please remind the children about road safety and stranger danger. As usual, we will be doing our bit in school to pass on the 'stay safe' message. As always please feel free to speak to me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Mr A Whelan