



St.Peter's Autumn Newsletter

Year 2



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for the start of the new school year and I hope you have had a good summer break. I greatly look forward to working closely with all of you during the forthcoming year. The children are aware this is an important year for them as they will be working towards their Year 2 SATS exams in the summer term. I have listed the topics we will be concentrating on in the Autumn term. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Maths

This term we will look at place value, counting and partitioning, as well as calculating, measuring, shape and problem solving. Support your child to be familiar with the 4 number operations (+, -, x, ÷). The children need to be secure in their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the corresponding division facts.

English

Our first topic is all about food. The children will be exploring both fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts within this topic. They will be expected to recognise nouns, adjectives and verbs within phrases and will look at using commas in lists. They will write their own recipes. Our second topic is 'Fairy Tales'. They write their own fairy tale using adjectives and descriptive phrases about settings.

Science

This term the children's topic is 'Every Day Materials'. Through this topic children learn about different materials and their properties. The children will learn which materials are best for different purposes. They will take part in investigations.

Computing

The children will be learning about computer programming. They will be taught how to create code (a sequence of instructions) to produce their own basic computer games. They will also be working on their typing and presentation skills. They will write a story directly on the computer.

History

Our topic is 'Telephones'. The children will be looking at how communication has changed over the years and compare this to the present day. This will allow the children to comment upon significant events and changes within living memory.

Geography

Our topic 'Is it Round?' will encourage children to locate continents, oceans & countries in relation to the equator. They will discuss hot and cold areas of the world.

Art

This term the children will be looking at how artists communicate a mood, feeling or idea. They will look closely at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and create art choosing different mediums.

Physical Education

The children will be exploring pathways and turning in gymnastics. They will compose their own dance movement sequences. They will take part in cooperative games that involve throwing and catching.

Music

The children will learn about 'Exploring Duration'. During the topic the children explore the duration of vocal and instrumental sounds.

Design Technology

Our topic is 'Mechanisms' and after the half term break the children will be designing and making their own moving vehicles. They will explore the main parts of vehicles and their purpose.

Reading

Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day and that they have had their yellow book signed.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will learn a different French phrase each week. They will also be learning about introducing themselves.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. Please help your child to complete this. It must be checked and returned the following Wednesday with the cover sheet signed.

Trips

We will be planning visits linked to different curriculum areas. More information to follow later in the term.

The children will also be making Challah bread as part of our termly cooking topic. May I please remind everyone that all clothing needs to be labelled clearly so that if lost, it can be returned easily. Children should be wearing sensible black shoes (not trainers) to school. PE kit consists of a white polo shirt, black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos on PE kit please). I look forward to seeing some of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on the 25th September 2018.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Hammond