



# St Peter's Autumn Newsletter

## Year 6



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for the start of the new academic year. I had a good summer break. I greatly look forward to working closely with all of you during the forthcoming year. I also wanted to thank all the children of Year 6 for already showing a mature approach to their final year at St. Peter's. I have listed the topics we will be concentrating on this term and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Maths

This term the children will cover a range of topics including: sequencing of numbers, skills of estimation, rounding of numbers, use of brackets in calculations. The children will continue to develop methods and strategies to complete a variety of calculations; this will be assessed through end of unit assessments and investigative work. The children will also complete weekly mental maths tests.

### English

This term the children's class text will be "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson. The children will establish their understanding of the character through drama sessions. This rich text will encourage them to explore skills of descriptive writing, diary entries written in character and formal and informal letter writing. They will also continue to develop their grammar and punctuation skills in working to produce work of a higher standard.

### Science

In this unit the children will learn that there are many aspects to keeping healthy. They will also learn about the heart and how heart beat is affected by exercise and relate this to what they already know about movement and exercise.

### Computing

The children will learn how to design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts.

### History

In our 'Battle of Britain' topic, the children will explore the main events leading up to the battle and the battle itself. They will also look at the people and things that played a part in the Battle of Britain and evaluate their significances.

### Geography

The children will extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features.

### Art

Our topic this term is 'Observational Drawing'. The children will learn to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

### Reading

Your child has a reading record that they will bring home and we ask that you support their reading and ensure they have written comments in their reading records.

### Physical Education

The children will continue to apply and develop a broader range of skills, learning how to use them in different ways and to link them to make actions and sequences of movement. PE sessions will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Swimming will start in terms 5 and 6 (summer term). PE kit consists of a white polo shirt, black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos on polo shirts please).

### Design Technology

Our topic this term is "Shelters". Through a variety of creative and practical activities, the children will apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.

### Music

In our 'History of Music' topic, the children explore the duration of vocal and instrumental sounds.

### Modern Foreign Languages

The children will explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes. They will engage in conversation, ask and answer questions, express opinions and respond to those of others.

### Homework

Homework will be given weekly on a Friday and we will expect the completed work to be returned by the following Wednesday.

### Cooking and Nutrition:

This term the children will use their understanding of ratio and measurement to make bread and butter pudding.

**Reminder: 'Meet the Teacher' Meeting:** We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm**. The meeting will outline some information about the Sats tests and what the children will be learning this year.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs. Nowbuth, Mrs. Omozee and Mrs. Akinrinlewo

