



St.Peter's Spring Newsletter

Year 2



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. The children have come back in the New Year refreshed and ready to start another term. I hope the children continue to face each new day in a positive light ready for new challenges as we work towards the SAT's tests in May. It is important that they strive towards achieving their targets. I look forward to discussing their new targets with you at the spring parents' evening after the half term break.

Numeracy

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 practical measures such as time and money. The children need to be secure in their knowledge of the 3 and 4 times tables and the corresponding division facts.

Literacy

Our first topic is all about the zoo. The children will be exploring both fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts within this topic. They will be expected to recognise and use apostrophes for possession, conjunctions and question marks. They will write their own animal fact files. Our second topic is 'Ourselves.' They will write their own newspaper reports and acrostic poems.

Science

In the first half term the children's topic is "Animals". Through this unit children learn that they can group animals according to their features. They will also learn about the diet and habitats of different animals. The children will then go on to study 'Plants'.

Computing

The children will be learning how to research using search engines. During research time we will be discussing E-safety issues. They will continue to learn how to create a code to produce their own basic computer games.

History

Our topic is 'Women who made a difference'. The children will be learning about the lives of Florence Nightingale and Rosa Parks. They will compare the similarities and differences between the two women and how they changed the lives of many people.

Geography

Our topic 'Where shall we go on safari?' will focus on the locality of Kenya. We will discuss the importance of animals bringing tourism to the country and the children will make their own information booklets.

Art

This term the children will be looking closely at the work of William Morris. They will explore pattern in art work and learn how to create blocks for printing out of different materials.

Physical Education

The children will be exploring movement and composition during our dance topic. They will continue to take part in competitive ball games working on dribbling, passing and aiming skills.

Music

The children will learn about pitch and timbre of sounds. They will also begin to read symbols representing musical ideas. They will continue to apply their skills using different percussion instruments.

Design Technology

Our topic is 'Textiles' and after the half term break the children will be designing and making their own puppets to use for storytelling. We will learn basic stitching skills and look at different fabrics.

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 continue to learn common French words and phrases. This term we will look particularly at colours and days of the week.

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 journal signed.

Trips

Details of any trips will be given at a later date.

The children will also be making Kenyan Irio this term as part of our termly cooking topics. This will support work they will be doing in Geography. When the weather gets a bit warmer, we will be planting new things in our class garden area. May I please remind everyone that all clothing needs to be labelled clearly so that if lost, it can be returned easily. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Hammond.