



St. Peter's Spring Newsletter

Year 4



Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your family had a happy Christmas and feel well rested and ready for the new term. It is lovely to see everyone again and hear all the news from the festive period. The children are working hard and I look forward to discussing their progress and targets at the spring parents' meeting, week beginning 25th February 2019.

Numeracy

This term we will look at number, place value and rounding, mental addition and subtraction. We will use the column methods of addition and subtraction with increasing complexity. We will work on our multiplication facts up to 12x12, continuing our multiplication challenge each week. We will work on dividing numbers mentally and using short division. The children will extend their knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including lines of symmetry and regularity. The children will look at finding and identifying equivalent fractions. The children will extend their knowledge of the units of time and the relationships between them. The children will be collecting data and will create tally charts and bar charts.

Literacy

This term the theme of dragons will be explored in several contexts. The class will be reading the story 'How to Train Your Dragon.' The children will discover myths and legends about dragons, those that play a part in Chinese culture and Viking dragon boats. They will also look at dragon themed poetry. They will write an information and explanation text about the celebrations for Chinese New Year. In the second half of the term children will be looking at the author Roald Dahl and specifically at the text 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The children will develop their understanding of conjunctions, possessive apostrophes, speech punctuation and homophones. The children will further develop their editing, drafting and performance skills.

History

This term the children will continue studying Ancient Greece. We will look at Greek gods and goddesses and mythological creatures.

Design Technology

Our topic is packaging. The children will be designing and making their own cereal box.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue to learn common French phrases. They will also work to develop appropriate pronunciation of animal names.

Science This term the children's science topic will be States of Matter. They will be learning about solids, liquids and gases they will investigate changes of state which can be reversed, changes due to temperature. They will look at evaporation and condensation. They will also study the Water Cycle.

Art

This term our topic is Viewpoints. The children will also be looking at the artist Pablo Picasso. They will look at examples of his work and use this as a basis for their piece of work on viewpoints.

Physical Education

The children will be working on some gymnastic skills and dance this term. It is important that your child has the correct P.E. kit for our PE lesson every Wednesday and Friday.

Geography

Our topic this term is "Who are the Global Caretakers?" We will be looking at our use of non- renewable fossil fuels to produce energy and the potential problems this may cause.

Computing

The children will be developing their typing and presentation skills. We will also be looking at E- Safety and Video Editing.

Music

This term the children will be learning the song 'Lean on me' and focussing on the singer-songwriter, Bill Withers. The children will continue learning their chosen instrument, guitar, clarinet or flute.

Trips This term we will be looking into a trip to relate to our History topic 'Ancient Greece'. More information about trips will follow at a later date.

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.

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.

This term the children will spend time in the garden planting a variety of flowers, vegetables and fruit. In cooking we will be making a Greek salad. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries. Miss Lavelle and Mrs Stoneman