



# St Peter's Autumn Newsletter

## FS2

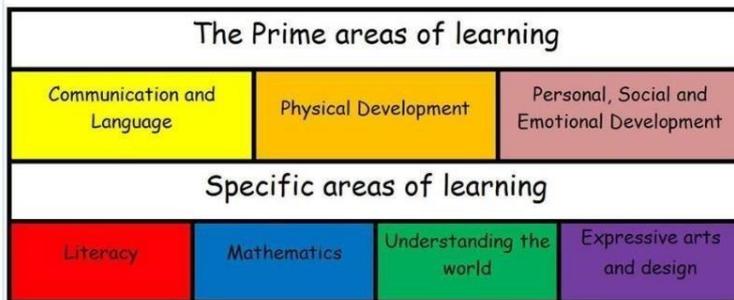


Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and the Foundation Stage class. I hope you had a lovely summer. We greatly look forward to working closely with all of you during the forthcoming year. We will continue to support our children to develop their many talents and to make the most of each school day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Foundation Stage Curriculum

The children develop their learning through play-based activities, sometimes led by adults and sometimes initiated by them independently. Within Foundation Stage, we assess the how the children are progressing across all 17 areas of the curriculum. Children are encouraged to engage in activities both indoors and outdoors, developing their ability to self-select resources. The first three areas support the children in acquiring the skills to then access the specific areas and strive to achieve the Early Learning Goals at the end of the Foundation Stage year.



### 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. In order to adhere to the Covid 19 procedures, comments will be written only once weekly in the children's reading records. However, a log of detailed comments will be kept in school.

### Homework

Homework will be given weekly on a Friday and we will expect the completed work to be returned by the following Tuesday. Online work on Purple Mash will be set every other week. Homework for FS2 will be given out on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September as all of the children would have started by this date.

### Physical Education

The children will be participating in P.E. sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child has his/ her jogging bottoms and T-shirt for PE. The PE kits consists of a white polo shirt and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled.

### FS2 Themes for Autumn Term

- All About Me
- Night and Day
- Space
- Celebrations (Christmas)

### Phonics in FS2

The phonic focus for the week is sent home weekly so that you can support your child at home. This will reinforce their learning of the letter and sound focused upon in class. The information sent home includes: phonic sheets to help children to recognise letters, linking the letters with the correct sound and to explore objects at home with the specific sound. Playing games such as 'I Spy' can support your child's ability to identify initial sounds in words and can be played when visiting places like the park or even the supermarket!

### Practical Maths and Literacy Activities at Home

#### Maths

- Cooking (Using weighing scales for ingredients and counting objects on dinner plates at dinner time)
- Shopping (Looking at prices in shops, checking change, comparing sizes of objects in the supermarket)
- Going to the park (Counting leaves, going on a stick hunt, comparing groups of natural objects)
- Number recognition ( Bus numbers and door numbers)

#### Literacy

- Writing shopping lists
- Name writing in different ways including using paint brushes and water

Thank you for your support,

Miss Reynolds, Mrs Whelan and Mrs Akinrinlewo

