



St. Peter's Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter

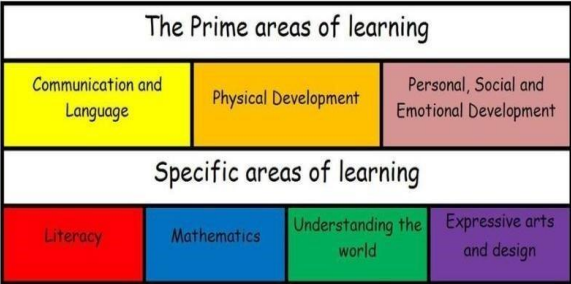


Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and the Foundation Stage class! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday. We will continue to support our children to develop all their talents and to make the most of every day in school. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Foundation Stage Curriculum

The children develop their learning through play-based activities, sometimes led by adults, sometimes initiated by them or set up by adults to assess how the children are progressing in all 17 areas of the Curriculum. Children are encouraged to engage in activities both indoors and outdoors, becoming more independent in their learning and self-discovery as they develop the skills and the confidence to do so. The first three Areas are particularly crucial for children to achieve to enable them to learn in the Specific Areas and strive to achieve the Early Learning goals for the 17 areas of the Curriculum at the end of the Foundation stage year.



Playing and Exploring
– Engagement

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'

Active Learning
– Motivation

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and Thinking
Critically
– Thinking

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

Themes for Autumn term:

All about me
Seasonal changes
Celebrations (Christmas)

- Daily activities to support your child with at home.
- Counting, writing and recognising numbers.
 - Talking to your child about things they like, do and their interests
 - Drawing pictures, writing their names and words

Physical Education
We will have P.E. on Mondays and Fridays. Thank you for your cooperation ensuring that your child has his/her shorts and t-shirt for PE. Our focus this term will be Gymnastics and dance. We continue to use the Adventure Playground to develop the gross motor movements and writing and forming letters as part of the fine motor skills.

Homework
Your child will get homework on Fridays to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Their homework will usually consist of some sound and number work. Please support your child with his/her homework. Every second week online homework will be set on purple mash.

Phonic Information
We send home the phonic focus for the week so that parents and carers are able to support children at home. The information sent home includes: phonic sheets to help the children to recognise letters, linking the letters with the correct sound and to explore objects at home beginning with the particular sound.

Reading
Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. We ask all parents to have discussions with your child about the book they are reading. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day and that they have had their yellow book signed. Woolwich Library is also fantastic! Please take your child there.

Trips:
As part of our theme on Seasonal Changes we will be planning a class trip to Greenwich Park in October 2021 all dependent on the government covid-19 guidance.

Reminder! You are invited to the "Meet the Teacher" meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 4:00-4.45 pm via a zoom. This meeting outlines what your child will be learning this year, and ways in which you can support your child. Login details to follow shortly, I am looking forward seeing you.

Practical Maths and English Activities at Home
Cooking (reading ingredients, cutting into sizing, weighing using scales), shopping (checking change, picking out the right size) going to the park (counting leaves, picking sticks, den building, picking and counting conkers). Identifying numbers on doors, looking at the colours around us and making patterns.

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 please). Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bonnah, Mrs Whelan and Mrs Minett