



# St.Peter's Autumn Newsletter

## Year 1



Dear Parents,

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 1. After a long and enjoyable summer holiday I hope your child is ready to embark upon a fun and exciting year of learning. Here is some key information on the day to day practices and other information that you may require. Please remember our open door policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Maths

This term we will be looking at counting, addition and subtraction, shape and place value. All homework set will be based upon what is covered in class to support your child's learning. Don't forget to have fun with maths! Numbers are everywhere we go so encourage your child to recognise them and to count on and back from random numbers. Also, you can find shapes everywhere. Support your child in finding 2D and 3D shapes at home or when out and about. Board games such as 'Snakes and Ladders' can help develop your child's counting skills.

### English

To support our writing we are going to focus on three main aspects: Fiction- Stories based on dinosaurs, discussing and retelling stories. Non- Fiction- Labels, captions, instructions and letters. Poetry- Using our five senses to listen and discuss poems and also recite rhymes. To support your child we need to talk like a write. At home, make up stories, invent characters and use story language.

### Science

The topic we will begin this term with is 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be discussing the different seasons and what happens in each. We will then focus on 'Animals' including humans where children will be provided with opportunities to explore a range of animals and develop their prediction and observation skills.

### Computing

The children will be provided with practical experiences of using a range of different simple programs on the computer. They will use the 'Paint' program to create their own pictures. In addition, we will be learning about the importance of online safety and the ways we can keep ourselves safe.

### History

This Autumn term we will be learning about the 'Great Fire of London'. This will include the main events and buildings during the Fire and also dufferbt diaries and oral accounts of the events. We will be using our listening and speaking skills to discuss why the fire spread so quickly.

### Geography

This Autumn term our topic is 'Wonderful Weather'. We will be exploring the different weathers we experience and discussing the changes we observe.

### Art

This term the children will be exploring colour. We will look at the work of Piet Mondrian and use some of his techniques to create our own primary colour pictures.

### Physical Education

The children will be taking part in ball games and developing their aim. Linking to science, the children will also be participating in 'Dance' and interpreting the different seasons.

### Music

This Autumn term the children will be focusing on interesting sounds and exploring using different instruments purposefully. We will be seleting instruments to create weather music.

### Design Technology

This Autumn term we will be creating our own 'Moving Pictures' We will be learning about mechanisms. Using our speaking skills, we will discuss how we will make the parts move.

### Reading

Reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please sign your childs reading record book. Let us know what they enjoyed about the story or whether there are any sounds they need support with.

### Modern Foreign Languages

The children will start to learn some common words in French. We will be focusing on greetings and numbers.

### Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. Please help your child to complete this. It must be checked and returned the following Wednesday. Online work on Purple Mash will be set every other week.

May I please remind everyone that all clothing needs to be **labelled** clearly so that if lost, it can be easily returned. 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). PE session will take place Thursday and Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Reynolds and Mrs Farcas

