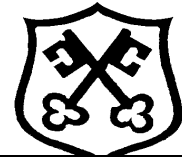




St.Peter's Autumn Newsletter

Year 4



Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to see the children settling into their new class. They have returned full of enthusiasm and we hope you have had a lovely summer break. The children have had a fantastic start and have been a pleasure to teach. We have listed the topics we will be concentrating on this term and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Numeracy This term we will look at number place value and rounding, mental addition and subtraction. We will also be using formal written methods of column addition and subtraction. We will work on our multiplication facts up to 12x12 and will be completing a timed challenge each week. We will work on dividing numbers mentally and using short division. We will look at lengths using the units centimetres and kilometres and applying to working out perimeter for rectangles and rectilinear shapes. We will be preparing for the times tables test at the end of the year 4 by doing daily times table practice. Please support your child to practice and use Times Tables Rockstars regularly.

Literacy In the first half of the term the children will be looking at the text *Weslandia*. In the story Wesley creates his own civilization complete with staple food crops and languages. This is a great cross-curricular link with the study of the *Ancient Greek Civilization in History*. They will learn about the features of a non-chronological report and discuss, plan, and write a report of their own and a persuasive. They will perform pieces to an audience, work on pronouns, inverted commas, spelling tricky words and using dictionaries. In the next half term, the children will use the adventure genre. They will work on developing their characters and settings and use these in their own stories. They will read several forms of poetry about rainforests and use these to write their own. They will use fronted adverbials, the possessive apostrophe for singular and plural nouns and work on prefixes.

History

This term the children will be studying *Ancient Greece*. We will look at architecture and the achievements and impact of famous *Greeks*.

Design Technology

This term the children will be learning about the process of making paper. We will also be learning how to prepare the *Greek* side Tzatziki.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue to learn common French words and phrases.

Science In the first half term the children's topic is 'All Living Things.' The children will be using classification skills to identify different animals. They will look at environmental change and any dangers to habitats. The children will then go on to study the digestion system for humans including the importance of teeth.

Physical Education

The children will continue to develop their skills with a specialist PE teacher. They will take part in hockey and football. It is important that your child has the correct P.E kit. Children will have PE every Tuesday and Friday therefore they should bring their full kit at the beginning of the week ready to change in class.

Art This term our topic is *Flowers*. They will be looking at how artists use different mediums to create flowers in paintings and create their own.

Geography. Our topic this term is "Rainforests." This engaging topic will introduce children to rainforests around the world.

Computing

The children will be learning about computer programming. They will be taught how to create code. They will also be looking at databases and data analysis.

Music

The children will learn about the composition 'Waltz of the Flowers' by Tchaikovsky and see how the musical piece inspires art work.

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 cover sheet signed. Online work on Purple Mash will be set every other week.

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. Please take your child to the library where possible to open up to a wide variety of books.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.
Miss Mills-Robertson and Mrs Jacobs.