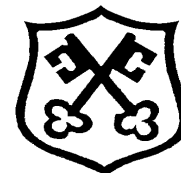




St. Peter's Autumn Newsletter

Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,
 We thank the Almighty God for reuniting our cherished school family and pray for His continuous protection and guidance in these trying times. It's been a pleasure welcoming all the children back! We hope they keep up with the excellent attendance. In line with government guidance, very strict whole school and class procedures are being followed to everyone safe. All the children look refreshed, excited and well prepared for the challenges ahead. Our target is to never rest until our better is BEST and by the Grace of God, we shall overcome. We will continue to inspire our children to 'Grow through God's Gospel'. Our key Gospel values for the Autumn term are *Love* and *Hope*.

<p><u>Numeracy</u> This term the children will cover a range of topics including: place value, addition and subtraction, measurement, properties of shapes, multiplication and division, statistics, fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will continue to develop methods and strategies to complete a variety of calculations; this will be assessed through end of unit assessments and investigative work. The children will also complete weekly mental Maths tests.</p>	<p><u>English</u> Our topic is all about "Magical World". The children will be exploring both fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts within this topic. They will be expected to use expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, modal and passive verbs. They will also continue to develop their grammar and punctuation skills in working to produce work of a higher standard. The book we are reading is 'Arthur- the High King of Britain'.</p>
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<p><u>Science</u> This term we will be learning about "Properties and Changes of Materials". Children will compare and group materials, show understanding of properties of materials and give reasons based on evidence.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> The children will look at the benefits of the internet, and the risks associated with some online activities. They will develop their skills of coding, and use game creating software to create their own games.</p>	<p><u>History</u> The children will be taught about the ancient Maya civilisation in Mexico, and Scots. They will develop a secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. They will develop appropriate use of historical terms.</p>
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<p><u>Geography</u> Our topic 'The Amazing Americas' will focus on using maps to study North and South America, concentrating on environmental regions, physical and human features.</p>	<p><u>Art</u> Children will be creating Mayan Masks, and sketching the Mexican pyramid 'Chichen Itza', as cross-curricular links to History.</p>
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<p><u>Design Technology</u> Our topic this term is "Containers". Children will be learning how to weave Mayan baskets and create clay pots as part of cross-curricular links to History.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> 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. A log of detailed comments will be kept in school.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> The children will be learning about the music of Latin America. They will learn about rhythm notation and improvisation. There will also be opportunities for performance.</p>	<p><u>Modern Foreign Languages</u> The children will focus on the usage of words and phrases. They will engage in conversations; ask and answer questions and express opinions.</p>
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<p><u>Cooking and Nutrition</u> The children will be learning to make Mayan corn tortillas as part of cross-curricular activities.</p>	<p><u>Physical Education</u> Children will develop a range of skills when playing games. They will also learn specific tactics and skills for games.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u> Homework will be set every Friday. Please help your child to complete this. It must be checked and returned the following Wednesday. Children will rotate between working in homework books in one week and on Purple Mash in the following week.</p>
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Talk! Talk! Talk! Talk! Talk!
 Please encourage your child to discuss with you about his/her day at school; what has been learnt and how he/she can take it a step further. At St. Peter's, we always believe that 'It's NICE to be NICE'. Kindly continue to encourage your child to treat all people with respect and show God's love for everyone. PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays, and children will now resume changing for PE at school. Please remind your child to bring the required PE kit- white polo shirt, black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms. As the new Year 5 teacher, I'd like to say I'm looking forward to a successful year with your children. Thank you for support in advance, and we look forward to a productive and successful academic year.
 Miss Effrim-Botchey, Miss Akinboyewa (In Year 5 on Tuesdays) and Mrs Thomas.