

St. Peter's Academy – Newsletter

Sycamore Class

Staff:

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Date: Friday 4th October 2024



General news and this week's learning:

We haven't had a busy week! Our first autumn term is flying by and lots of things are happening in our classroom. We have braved getting the clay out this week and the children worked fantastically. I was so impressed by their independence, and I hope you enjoy seeing the wonderful creations when they bring their taotie motifs home. Once all permission forms are completed, I will be able to upload photographs of our budding artists onto the class page. We also had a visit from Image Theatre, with their production of the Selfish Giant! Another highlight of this week had to be exploring time zones on DigiMaps and Flight Radar...we were amazed by how many flights were visible at the same time! School photographs have been handed out this week. You can purchase these online via the link and code on your card.

This week's learning:

- Maths – Primes to 100, square and cube numbers, multiplication, short division.
- English – Canal Holidays Are Cool! Exploring our new model text.
- Grammar – Modal verbs.
- Science – Air resistance.
- History – Oracle bones.
- Music – Harvest song rehearsal.
- Computing – Online safety.
- Art – Making and painting taotie motifs.
- Geography – Time zones.
- PE – Outdoor games skills.
- Spanish – The Weather.

Sycamore Class homework:

- Reading – Children should aim to read at least 5 times a week and this can be recorded in the reading section of their school diary. Each read will equal a stamp on their reading loyalty card, which the children can collect. Starbooks themed!
- Spellings – Your child will have a list of spellings in their diary to learn ready for either a test or dictation piece next Friday.
- Maths – Arithmetic quiz on maths.co.uk. Your child has received a separate letter with their login and an overview of a new learning tool that I plan to use with the children in Year 6.
- English – Writing a book review. I am in the process of upgrading our reading corner area and would love the children's input. Our theme is 'Starbooks / Reading is our cup of tea!' I would like the children to write a book review onto the cups provided. They can draw a picture of their book or characters from the book as well as decorate the main background. Please see below ideas of what to include:

Book Review

The book cover: []

Title: []
Author: []

About the story: []

The best character in the story: []

What I didn't like: []

My favourite bit was: []

About the illustrations: []
I liked them []
They were ok []
They were a bit dull []

Reading level: []
title [] per page []

Recommendation: []
✓ the thumbs to give your rating: [] [] [] [] []

Reviewed by: [] Date: []

Miss Walton's retrieval questions:

Can you tell someone in your family?

- Can you sell a canal holiday to a family member?
- How are time zones calculated?
- Can you talk about el clima en Madrid?

Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

Any changes next week? Wednesday 9th October – Small group workshop with Georgie from Notts MHST on worry. The children will know if they are taking part or not.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Walton 😊