



★ Newsletter ★

20th September 2024

Welcome to our class and your first of many fortnightly newsletters! The newsletters will be on our class page every fortnight. It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'meet and greet' gathering on last Wednesday. Hopefully you were able to find this meeting useful. For those of you who were unable to attend, the power point presentation can be found on my class page of the school website. This and future newsletters can also be found there along with other useful information and photographs of your children (once we have all permission slips returned for photos).

I cannot believe how busy we have been! It has been a great start to the term and all your children have settled into new routines beautifully. They should feel exceptionally proud of themselves as they have worked hard to settle in and do the right thing all the time. By now, your child should have their new reading record for this year and their Purple Mash login details. (See below for further information about reading).

Our main driver topic for the whole term is 'Childhood'. It is history based and focuses on how children have lived in the past and present. Alongside this, art, geography, science, design and technology, music, IT and P.E. will be taught as half termly units. P.E. will be taught both inside and outside. As the weather may turn colder, the children may need a warm hoody for this lesson and long jogging bottoms or leggings.

I am sure some of you are wondering how a mixed class of year one and two works. At St. Peter's, we use a rolling curriculum for topic and English which means the children are taught a two year cycle as a whole class. For maths, the children are taught specialised, tailored mixed year group plan. This works very well as the children are taught the objectives in their year group where I can offer support and challenge where required.

Maths:

In maths over the last couple of weeks we have spent some time organising routines and getting used to writing in our books. The children have worked so hard with this and I am very pleased with their presentation and efforts so far. Our first unit is Place Value where we completed a range of activities involving counting forwards and backwards, using ten frames and base 10, number tracks and writing numerals as words. This unit will develop over the next few weeks.

English:

We are now enjoying our first 'Talk for Writing' unit text – The Story of The Three Little Pigs. So far, the children have internalised the text, added actions to help with this, created a story map and have written sentences that have a range of adjectives and verbs. They are really enjoying the text and we will continue to develop the unit over the coming weeks where they will look at writing their own version of this story and describing their very own baddie character.

Reading

Please aim to read with your child at least three times a week and sign it in their reading record. Every child should have a reading book for home. This should be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together to check their understanding. I will check diaries and change reading books every Friday where I will award stickers and Take Care tokens as a reward for regular reading. I am trying to gauge an appropriate number of weekly books to give your child based on how keen they are to read! If books need changing, your child will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Wednesday sessions and an outdoor kit for Thursday
- Please keep checking my class page of the school website for all information and updates.

One final plea from me, please can you label ALL clothing in school.

That's it for now! Our next newsletter will be online only. You can find these on the class page.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend!

Miss Fisher