



# St Peter's C of E Primary School



## Curriculum Information

### Autumn 2021

#### Early Years

Our first topic is: If you go down to the woods. Following on from this our topics will evolve depending on the interests of the children.

We will develop our social skills, focusing on sharing, turn taking and working together to explore our environment, learn about our surroundings and the animals which share it with us.

Gross and fine motor skills will be developed through a variety of crafts and children will also be participating regularly in Forest School sessions to support social and communication skills.

We will also listen to a range of stories, start learning our phonic sounds and how to blend ready to begin reading. In maths we will develop a strong sense of numbers to 5, understanding the link between numbers and quantity and investigating how numbers are composed.

#### Year 1

Our first topic is: **All about me!**

In Science, children are learning about their bodies and senses. In Geography, we are learning about the weather and in our Forest School sessions we will be looking at the seasonal changes and different types of trees. In English, texts will be linked to our topic, with our Continuous Provision supporting our writing. We are developing our spellings, reading, decoding and fluency through Phonics.

In Maths, children are building on their number knowledge working with numbers up to 20 and developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, 2D and 3D shapes. In French we are focusing on greetings, numbers, and simple commands, and in RE the children will have the opportunity to share their views around the question: What do Christians believe God is like? In Art our drawing and painting will be inspired by Monet. In Learning for Life, we are thinking about our feelings and learning some tricks to help us manage them.

**Please encourage discussions around:**

- their body (parts, senses, feelings, Trick Box)
- seasons & weather

#### Year 2

This term's topic is: **On the Move**

In English we shall be looking at stories with familiar settings, reciting some poems by heart, learning how to write a set of instructions and developing our spellings using graphemes learnt in Year 1. We will also learn what a homophone is.

In Maths we shall be working with numbers up to 100 and reinforcing our mental recall of number bonds to 20. In Science we shall be exploring the materials and their properties and look at plants and animals in the local environment.

We will be learning about transport through the ages which will also link in with our DT project which will be to design and create a wheeled vehicle. In Computing we shall learn how to stay safe on the Internet and in Learning for Life we will be discussing 'feelings' and learning some tricks on how to manage them.

We shall learn simple classroom directions in French as well as counting to 20. Our RE topic looks at what Christians believe God is like.

**Please encourage discussions around:**

- Everyday materials and their properties
- Different means of transport

#### Important dates:

13.10.21—Visit to Brooklands



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### Year 3

In English we shall be studying familiar settings, traditional tales and fables, writing recounts and instructions, and exploring the meaning and structure of poetry. In Maths, our focus will be on place value, using and applying our knowledge of number to solve problems using addition and subtraction. As well as the 2, 5 and 10 x times tables children should practise the 3 and 4 x tables.

Our geography studies will focus on natural disasters: volcanos, earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis.

Science learning will cover aspects of light and shadow, followed by rocks, fossils and soil. Our DT project will involve designing and making a shadow puppet. In history, we will study the Stone Age, and this will be linked to other areas of the curriculum, including science and art.

In RE, children will be exploring the Holy Trinity through the gospel and making links between their own lives and the teachings in the bible.

#### Please encourage discussions around:

- light, shadow
- favourite numbers
- Trick Box
- maps of the world

#### Important dates:

17.11.21—Stone Age Day

### Year 4

Our History topic is the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings which looks at why people migrated to Britain and how this influenced our world today. This links well to English, where we will be studying Beowulf.

In Maths we will continue to develop the children's skills in calculations and problem solving, while building on their knowledge of times tables and securing the four operations. Our computing focus is e-safety.

In Science we will be investigating electricity and States of Matter. Our learning in French will include finding out about France and the French culture.

In RE we will study what it is like to follow God, the concept of The Trinity, followed by artists' interpretations of Christmas. Our DT will focus on Anglo-Saxon jewellery design and Viking longboats. We have an exciting Forest Day planned which links to our topic

#### Please encourage discussions around:

- Saxon and Vikings (especially links to the local area)
- Books that you are reading
- times tables

#### Important dates:

23.11.2021 — Viking Workshop

### Year 5

In English this term we shall be reading, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and using the book as stimulus for our narrative writing. We shall also be exploring poetry and developing our skills in non-fiction composition.

In Maths we will continue to develop an understanding of the four operations as well as learning about place value, statistics, area & perimeter.

Our RE topic focuses on discussions around the Christian belief of God as loving and holy while in Science we shall investigate space & materials. Other topics are: e-safety & simulation in Computing; abstract representations of space in Art & a study of the world's ancient civilisations in History.

Wherever possible we shall be making links across the curriculum. Homework will be set on a Friday & will include weekly spellings, tasks on Mathletics & English. Reading records should be signed five times each week by an adult & please ensure all times tables are secure. We will be working on the year 5/6 statutory spelling list.

#### Please encourage discussions around:

- Space and the solar system
- Ancient civilisations
- internet safety at home

#### Important dates:

7.10.2021 — Winchester Science Museum



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### Year 6

In Maths we will be focusing on place value, calculations, fractions & position & direction. We will be applying our knowledge to problems & investigations. Our English will be linked to our History learning and we will be using the story of Odysseus.

In RE we will be comparing the Christian faith to other faiths including Hinduism & considering what helps Hindus to worship. We will also reflect on the birth of Christ & discuss what the Gospels tell us.

In Science this half term, we will be using the outside environment to help us understand about biodiversity & classification. After half term our studies will be about light including reflection & refraction.

In History we will be learning about Ancient Greece & comparing the lives & beliefs of people in the past with our own, as well as looking at their legacy.

Our DT work will include cooking Greek recipes & designing a Greek Menu. In Geography, we will be studying both the human and physical aspects of the British Isles.

Our indoor PE lessons will focus on gymnastics & dance & in our outdoor lessons we will be developing our invasion games skills. In Music we will be exploring rhythm & melody.

#### **Please encourage discussions around:**

- Ancient Greece
- Hinduism
- Geography of the British Isles

Please remember that your child should have a PE kit in school **every day**. Occasionally PE days have to change because of timetabling and there are sometimes extra learning opportunities where a PE kit is essential.

#### **PE DAYS**

EYFS: Tuesday & Friday

Y1: Tuesday & Thursday

Y2: Tuesday & Thursday

Y3: Monday & Friday

Y4: Monday & Thursday

Y5: Monday & Friday

Y6: Tuesday & Thursday

◆ **Week beginning 11 October—Harvest Festival**

◆ **Thursday 16 December—Reindeer Run**

**Forest School dates will be sent separately—ALWAYS remember to bring your Forest School kit!**

**Parent Consultations, to discuss your child's progress, will take place early in November via Teams—more information will follow**

### **RE**

All year groups follow the Guildford Diocesan RE Programme. and the national Understanding Christianity Programme. While naturally focusing on the beliefs and traditions of the Christian faith, we also cover other major world religions: Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism. More information is available on the school's website.