



Year 4 Newsletter – Advent Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to be welcoming your child into Year 4 and being part of their learning journey at St Peter's. Here is an overview of what we will be learning this half term.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Read

Maths

- Number and place value.
- Written addition and subtraction.

We will also be carrying out reasoning activities on each of these areas to focus on mastery of the year 4 curriculum.

Throughout the year we will be preparing for the Year 4 Multiplication Skills test that all of the children in this year group will be completing during the Summer Term. Therefore, we will be having a test each week on a given times table and this half term we will be focusing on the 3x and 6x tables and corresponding division facts. The children will also be able to practice their times table skills by playing the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars.

Literacy

We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and comparing it to the film 'The Iron Giant'. We will talk about story openings, create a Wanted poster and recount events in the form of a diary. We will also write a letter to a friend and retell the story in the form of a newspaper.

In grammar we will focus on: determiners, clauses, conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions, direct speech, past/present tense and using paragraphs.

Our spelling will focus on the pattern: tion, sion, ssion and cian and learning the first column of the year 3/4 word list.

RE

In RE we will start with our Domestic Church topic looking at 'people' including our own family and the family of God in scripture. We will compare family trees and look at key members of Jesus' family. We will look at the community of the Church and how the parish joins together.

Our second topic will focus on 'belonging' and how we feel about being chosen. We will look at the apostles and how they felt about being chosen before looking in detail at the sacrament of Confirmation.

Music

This year we will be learning to play the Ukulele. Further details will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Science

We will look at 'Sound'. In this unit, children will:

- Identify sounds and how they can be made
- Know how vibrations travel to the ear and through the air
- Learn how the pitch of a sound changes and how to make a pitched instrument including changing the volume.
- Investigate how sound travels through different mediums

Computing

Our topic will be focusing on Internet Safety. We will discuss and explore:

- How to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly
- a range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour
- How to use search technologies effectively
- how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

Art/ D&T

We will be focusing on art this half term and will be developing our drawing, painting and sculpture techniques by looking at and recreating fruit and vegetable art.

History

We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Scots. We will find out:

- how, why and where the Anglo-Saxons and Scots settled in Britain
- The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor
- when and where the Vikings came from and why they raided Britain
- who King Ethelred II was and say when and why Danegeld was introduced
- key aspects of Viking, Anglo-Saxon and Scots life
- explain how the legal system worked in Anglo-Saxon Britain

PSHE

Our topics are:

- Being Safe: Online Safety.
- Exploring Emotions: Uncomfortable Feelings.