



**Curriculum Newsletter for St Peter's -Year 3/4
2022-2023
Half Term 6**

We hope you all enjoyed your half term break and are ready for the final half term. It has been lovely to enjoy the sunshine over the last week. Please remember to send your children to school with a sunhat and with suncream already applied for when they are outside. A bottle of water is also essential during the warmer weather.

We have a busy half term planned and have already enjoyed our visit to Saltaire. The day will really help the children to understand what the living and working conditions were like in Sir Titus Salt's village in the 19th century.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact by email or telephone via the school office.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Hallworth, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Carslaw

Maths

Year 3

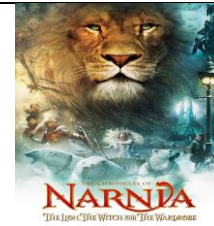
Properties of Shape, Mass, Capacity, Statistics and Time

We will be continuing the work started last half term about properties of shapes. The children will describe 2D and 3D shapes. They will learn how to measure mass and capacity. They will then compare, add and subtract mass and capacity. In statistics, the children will learn about pictograms, bar charts and tables. Finally, we will be learning about time. The children will be telling the time to 5 minutes and then one minute intervals. We will look at calculating the duration of events and finding start and end times.

Year 4

Decimals, Geometry – angles and 2D shapes, position and direction and Statistics

The children will work on two units about decimals. We will begin by looking at tenths and hundredths and dividing by 10 and 100. The children will then move on to comparing, ordering and rounding decimals before solving problems. Our geometry work will involve looking at lines of symmetry inside and outside a shape and completing symmetric shapes. The children will use co-ordinates to describe position. They will plot co-ordinates and draw shapes on a grid. We will then learn how to translate shapes on a grid and describe the translations. They will also identify and compare angles. In Statistics, we will look at charts and tables and learn how to draw line graphs.



In **English**, we will be writing portal stories, biographies and auto-biographies.

To help us write our own portal stories, we will read the Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S.Lewis. We will study some passages from the book in order to improve our story telling skills and extend our knowledge of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Then, we will learn how to write biographies and link our writing to our History topic of the Industrial Revolution. We will therefore produce biographies of famous inventors, such as Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison, before writing our own auto-biography.

Grammar:

Through our grammar starters and English lessons, the children will learn how to use expanded noun phrases, prepositions, fronted adverbials, the past tense, subordinating conjunctions and homophones.

Reading

Reading Comprehension skills are the focus of our teacher led guided reading sessions for this half term.

We will be focusing on a different skill each week from the 6 key skills.

V – Vocabulary

I – Inference

P – Prediction

E – Explanation

R – Retrieval

S - Summarise

Children will also read in small groups or 1:1 with Mrs Carslaw or Mrs Beckwith.

Spelling

The children will join their year group for Spelling sessions.

RE Our topic for this term for Year 4 is, 'Belonging to the Church'

Our learning will include:

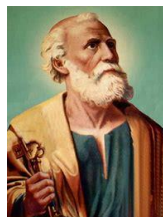
- Knowing about God's call to individuals such as St Teresa of Calcutta
- Knowing about the different seasons in the Church's year
- Thinking about why these times are important for us
- Understanding that the Church is a family
- Being aware that we belong to the Church
- Knowing what it means to belong to the community of the Church
- Knowing about the Communion of Saints
- Being aware of how they can help us

We will also learn about some of the festivals in the Jewish faith during our other faiths week.

RE Our topic for Year 3 this term is "Being a Christian"

Our learning will include:

- Having some understanding of what being a Christian involves
 - Reflecting on what it means for us
- Understanding why St Peter and St Paul are key figures in Christianity
- Knowing how St. Peter became a follower of Jesus
 - Knowing what Jesus teaches about helping others
 - Understanding how St. Paul had to learn how to be a Christian
 - Thinking about what we can learn from St Paul's experience
 - Identifying the gifts God has given us and reflect on ways we can use these gifts
- Reflecting on our hopes and dreams for ourselves, our family and the world
- Beginning to understand the importance of prayer
 - Thinking about different ways of praying



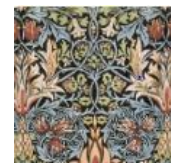
Creative curriculum:

History - The children will extend their learning about life in Victorian times. They will do some research and write about Queen Victoria and the most famous inventors who changed our world. They will also get a better understanding of the living and working conditions of textile factory workers in the 19th century with a visit to Saltaire village, built by the famous manufacturer and philanthropist Sir Titus Salt.

Geography - The children will continue learning about our topic called Interconnected World. They will learn about the countries, climates and culture of North and South America- Canada, USA, Ecuador and Brazil in particular. Then, they will study and draw conclusions about places and geographical features using a range of geographical resources, including maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping.

Science – The children will finish the unit of work about Electricity. They will learn about conductors and switches. We will then move on to a Chemistry unit of work, Materials. The children will learn about how materials can be in a solid, liquid or gaseous state. They will learn about the processes involved in changing from one state to another.

Art/Design and Technology – The children will continue learning about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They will learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.



French – The children will learn to name some food and drinks in order to be able to take part in role-plays where they will pretend to be at the food market and a café in a French speaking country.

Music- The children will continue with their unit of work about Gospel music. They will use instruments to perform the song Lean on me and will use improvisation in their playing.

PHSE- Our PSHE sessions will include circle times for the virtues as well as thinking about how we interact with others.

PE –PE with Mr Gibson will be on Wednesday and Thursday this half-term, **please note the change of day.**

The children will be covering Dance and Tennis.

The sessions may be inside our school hall or outside depending on the nature of the lesson and the weather. We kindly ask that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Home support

Spellings -Spellings will be handed out on Wednesdays and a spelling dictation test will take place the following Tuesday. Scores will be sent home in your child's beige spelling book. Please help your child to learn the spelling pattern for the week.

Reading- Reading books will come home daily. Your child's book will be changed when they have completed their book. Please continue to listen to your child read and write a comment in their reading record. We are happy to hear about books being read at home, please write the name of the book and add a comment about these too. The children can still read the online books on Bug Club on Active Learn.

Times Tables- Children will also need to continue to practise their times tables. These will be tested weekly on Fridays. Children can also use TT Rock Stars to practise their times tables independently.