



9th September 2025

YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

We have had a great start to the Autumn term and the children have settled in very well. This letter briefly explains what you can expect your child to be learning in Year 2, up until the Christmas break. On Tuesday afternoons for this first half term and then Tuesday mornings next half term, Mr Watts and Ms Hamilton will be teaching across both classes.

When we return to School after the half term, we will begin the preparations for the Christmas production which Year 2 perform every year. More information will be provided about this closer to the time.

Literacy

This term we will be looking at a range of engaging stories to develop grammar, sentence structure, writing stamina. We will be focussing on the books 'Frog and Stranger', 'How To Make Friends With A Ghost', 'Last Stop On Market Street' and 'Dragon Post', and we will be writing poems based on the book 'The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems'. Children will have daily Whole Class Reading and Spelling and Grammar (SPaG) lessons. A focus will also be handwriting in which children will be introduced to joining letters.

Maths

- Number and Place Value – making tens and some more, re-grouping 2 digit numbers, ordering and comparing, counting on and back in ones and tens, estimating and quantities and measure.
- Addition and Subtraction – mental addition and subtraction of numbers to 20 and beyond using one and two digit numbers, finding the part or whole unknown and finding complements.
- Measures – making combinations of money and finding change, comparing measures, estimating and measuring using different scales.

Science

- **Materials** - This will involve sorting and classifying materials, looking at natural and man-made materials, observing how materials can change shape and understanding the effects of heating certain solids and liquids.
- **Living things and their Habitats** - As scientists we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

History

Later in the term, we are beginning our history lessons learning about Kings and Queens and will be going on a trip to Hatfield House after October half term. The children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions, look at a variety of sources and write in role. We will also be making cross-curricular links to PE and Whole Class Reading lessons as we learn about The Great Fire of London.

Geography

This term, we shall be jetting off to the tropical island of Borneo in Southeast Asia when we will be comparing life in Kampong Ayer to our own. We will also be developing our map skills, finding out about other cultures as well as exploring which animals would be able to live in the desert.

Art and DT

In Art we will be developing our drawing and mark making skills, using texture, tone, line, and collage. We will use various media using our learning in history and geography as our stimulus where possible. In DT we will be looking at wheels and axles. We will be investigating different types of vehicles, testing different materials to make a vehicle and we will design and make our own car.

Music

Children will use a range of instruments, including glockenspiels to explore pitch and rhythm. We will use the song 'London's Burning' to help us achieve this.

P.E.

PE will be every **Tuesday and Friday**. Please ensure that no jewellery is worn on these days. **Children must come to school wearing their full, correct PE kit:**

- *St Peter's light blue PE T-shirt*
- *Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms*
- *Navy hoody and trainers (not plimsolls)*
- *Long hair should be tied back*
- *Jewellery should **not** be worn. If your child has to wear stud earrings, please cover with plasters before they come to school.*

The children will be developing their fundamental skills in Games and learning about The Great Fire of London through Dance.

Computing

We shall be starting the term by addressing online safety and follow this with developing our understanding of coding skills. The school website has resources to support you to discuss online safety at home. Computing skills are continually developed during other curriculum areas.

R.E.

Children will be introduced to signs and symbols of everyday life, as well as the use of symbols within different religions. After half-term the focus will be on Advent and Christmas.

P.S.H.E.

We will look at the theme of 'Being Me in My World' and how to manage worry, fear and anxiety. We will be taking into consideration all the different situations children have experienced over the last few months and we want to ensure that they feel safe at school with their teachers and friends.

Homework

Each week your child will be set a piece of Maths homework and will be set some spellings. Maths homework will be set on Doodle Learning and spellings will be put up on Google Classroom. Homework will be set on Google Classroom every Friday. Children should read 15-20 minutes at least 3 times a week and adults should sign the reading record when this is done with a comment.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. Before and after school can be very busy so if you are unable to speak to us then please email us via the class email address: owls@stpeters.herts.sch.uk robins@stpeters.herts.sch.uk

We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as possible, but please be aware that we will not be able to respond to emails during teaching hours. For any urgent communication, please contact the school office. Please also contact the office about absences and/or different people collecting your child. You can use the email: mychildtoday@stpeters.herts.sch.uk

With kind regards,

Miss Ives and Miss Robinson.