



21st January 2026

YEAR 1 SPRING TERM CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This letter outlines some of the topics your child will be learning this term.

This half term:

- **Literacy** – We will be writing a story based on the text 'Stanley's Stick'. Additionally, we will be writing a recount and a poem.
- **Science** – Our topic is 'Materials'. We will sort and test materials such as paper, wood, fabric, plastic, glass and metal.
- **D&T** – We will learn about levers and sliders, and create our own pictures with moving parts.
- **History** – Our topic is 'Great Explorers'. The children will learn about various explorers including Neil Armstrong and Sir Robert Scott.

Next half term:

- **Literacy** – We will be writing a story based on 'Madlenka' by Peter Sis. We will also read and perform poems.
- **Science** – We will continue with our topic on materials. The children will conduct an experiment to determine which material is the most waterproof. We will also observe seasonal changes as we transition from winter to spring.
- **Art** – We will explore the element of texture, and use different media in our drawing and painting.
- **Geography** – We will be learn about the geography of our local area, and will be go on a walk to identify human and physical features.

Maths

Over the course of the term, we will learn about length, height, and weight, as well as order the days of the week and months of the year. The children will continue to learn to count, order, and compare numbers up to 20. They will also explore addition and subtraction through a concept called 'Think 10'. The children will revisit part/whole models and consider how to make the same total in different ways.

Computing

We will learn how to follow and create simple instructions and how to create an algorithm. We will also collect data and use it to create a pictogram.

PE

PE takes place every Tuesday. The children will be developing their dance and orienteering skills.

PE Kit:

Children should come to school wearing their St Peter's PE kit every Tuesday. This includes a blue or white t-shirt, plain navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms, a plain navy blue hoodie, socks, and trainers.

If your child has long hair, it should be tied back on PE days, and jewellery should not be worn. If your child must wear stud earrings, they should be covered with plasters or tape, which should be done at home before your child comes to school. Please ensure every item is named.

Music

This half-term's unit sees children echo singing, composing word patterns, improvising with 3 notes, and playing a percussion ostinato. Activities will support pupils to understand the difference between pitched patterns and rhythm patterns, higher and lower.

RE

We will be talking about belonging and will be finding out how babies are welcomed into Christianity and Islam. We will also explore the significance of Easter.

Homework

Reading for 5 to 10 minutes a day with your child is vital in Year 1. Please make a note in your child's reading record when you read with them. Additionally, children should access Doodle Maths for 5 minutes daily, as this constitutes their maths homework and is very beneficial. Weekly spellings are set on Google Classroom.

Class Assembly

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Class Assemblies. These start at 9a.m. and will last approximately 20 minutes.

Foxes – Friday 30th January

Rabbits – Friday 6th February

Parent Consultation evening – Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March

We will be sending more information regarding booking an appointment closer to the date.

We recommend that you regularly check the school calendar on the school website for any other events that may occur throughout the term. We will also use the Google Classroom to send updates.

Our class pages on the website are regularly updated with information about our learning.

[Click here for the Foxes class page](#)

[Click here for the Rabbits class page](#)

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns, please email your class teacher via the class email address

foxes@stpeters.herts.sch.uk or rabbits@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

Kind regards,

Mrs Eedle and Mrs Walton