



22nd April 2026

YEAR 1 SUMMER TERM CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready and eager for the Summer Term! We are pleased to see the children return so refreshed and enthusiastic. This letter explains some of the things your child will be learning about this term.

Literacy

We will begin the term by looking at poetry using Shirley Hughes' 'Out and About – First Book of Poems' to inspire our own poetry. Following that, we will focus on letter writing and will use a variety of texts to explore this genre including 'Here comes Mr Postmouse' and 'Paddington's Post'.

Our Whole Class Reading texts include 'The Black and White Club' and 'Eliot, Midnight Superhero'.

Maths

Over the course of the term, the children will be learning to count, order and compare numbers to 100. They will also be exploring addition and subtraction through problem solving and practising new methods such as partitioning. They will memorise doubles and halves to 10 and learn about odd and even numbers. The children will be introduced to standard units of measuring length, height, weight, capacity and time as well as furthering their understanding of 2D shapes and money.

Science

The children will be learning about Plants and Seasonal Changes. We will learn about the different flowers and trees in the local environment and in our gardens, including the different parts of a plant and their functions.

Computing

We will be learning to code and making simple e-books with text, pictures, sound and animations.

PE

PE takes place every Monday and Tuesday. On Mondays the children will be developing their golf and athletic skills with their class teacher. On Tuesdays, the children will be enjoying dance lessons and tennis with their PPA teacher. PE kits should be worn to school on PE days.

Music

The children will learn how to use a combination of musical elements – rhythm, tempo, timbre, and dynamics – to create an emotional response that helps us tell a story.

RE

The children will be thinking about different holy books and which religions these books belong to, as well as learning about faith stories.

PSHE

Our PSHE topics this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. The children will learn what it means to 'belong', as well as life cycles and understanding how they have changed since they were born.

This half term:

- **History** - our topic is 'Changes within Living Memory'. We will be learning about how fashions, schools, music and technology have changed since our parents and grandparents were little.
- **D&T** - we will be learning about freestanding structures, and making a table or bed for Little Bear using paper and masking tape only. The children will investigate different joining techniques.

Next half term:

- **Geography** - our topic is 'Why don't Penguins need to Fly?' We will be learning about the differences between hot and cold places.
- **Art** - The children will be investigating patterns on sari fabrics and designing and making a pattern of their own on calico fabric.

Homework

We will continue to post spellings on Google Classroom every Friday afternoon. Maths skills can be practised online using Doodle. Other homework may be posted from time to time as we explore different subject areas. **Meanwhile, please continue to read with your child as often as possible and comment in their reading record book.** Please send your child to school with their reading book in their book bag every day and return sharing books every Friday so they can be changed.

Sun safety

It is important during the summer months that we make every effort to keep children safe in the sun. This includes wearing clothing which covers their shoulders, shoes that are safe to run, jump and climb in and wearing a **named** sunhat to school each day. Please also remember to send your child in with a **named** water bottle every day. Please also apply a high factor sun cream (at least factor 30) to your child **before** school. Children may bring in sun cream to reapply before lunch but please make them aware that they are not to share their sun cream with anyone else and they are only permitted to apply the cream when an adult has given permission and they are being supervised.

If you have any queries or concerns, please email your class teacher via the year group email address rabbits@stpeters.herts.sch.uk or foxes@stpeters.herts.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eedle and Mrs Walton