



9th September 2025

YEAR 1 AUTUMN TERM CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and a warm welcome to Year 1! We were so pleased to see the children begin this year refreshed and enthusiastic. This letter explains some of the things your child will be learning this term.

This half term:

- **Literacy** - we will be reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and writing lists, labels and captions. The children will also explore poems and instructions.
- **Science** - we will be learning about animals including humans, as well as observing autumnal seasonal changes. Children will learn about parts of the body, as well as learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- **History** - the children will learn to make comparisons between old and new toys, whilst developing their concept of the past.
- **D&T** - we will be learning about how to prepare fruit and will make a fruit kebab.

Next half term:

- **Literacy** - the children will be learning about recipes. They will also read and write simple traditional tales.
- **Science** - we will again be focusing on observing seasonal changes as well as learning about animal classes and our senses.
- **Geography** - the children will be learning about weather patterns in the UK and around the world.
- **Art** - we will be exploring different printing techniques using primary colours.

**Maths**

Over the course of the term, we will be reactivating the children's prior learning on numbers to 10, and counting in 2s. The children will be learning to count, order and compare numbers to 20. They will also be exploring addition and subtraction and learning key number facts such as one more and one less. They will learn to double and halve as well as to use measures for length, height, weight, and capacity. They will also explore 2D shapes and patterns and use money.

**Computing**

We will start our computing curriculum by discussing online safety before working on grouping, sorting and creating pictograms.

## PE

PE will be on a Tuesday. **Children should come to school in their PE kit on that day.**

**PE Kit:** St Peter's light blue PE T-shirt, navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms, a navy hoody and trainers (not plimsolls). Long hair should be tied back and 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 and then moving onto Gymnastics and Orienteering.

## Music

The children will take part in a weekly music lesson. We will explore musical elements through songs and stories. We will also have a weekly singing assembly.

## RE

Our theme is The Wonder of Nature. The children will be learning about creation stories, and the festivals of Harvest and Sukkot.

## Homework

Please read with your child as often as possible and record in their reading record book. Please send your child to school with their reading book in their book bag **every day** in case we read with them in school that day. Maths homework is ongoing on Doodle Learning which is a fun way for children to practise their maths at home. We will explain further at our 'new to year group' meeting on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 9am. We use Google Classroom to send messages home from time to time.

If you have any queries or concerns, please email your class teacher via the class email address [rabbits@stpeters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rabbits@stpeters.herts.sch.uk) or [foxes@stpeters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:foxes@stpeters.herts.sch.uk). We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as possible. For any urgent communication, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Eedle and Mrs Walton*