

Autumn Term 2023



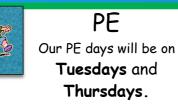
Hello and welcome to Year 6! It has been so lovely to get to know the class over the first week. I am looking forward to the year ahead; building on the solid foundation of teamwork you have developed already and growing new relationships together. In preparation for secondary school, it is important to support your child to become independent and enthusiastic learners. At St Peter's School we know that with a solid home-school partnership we can achieve this goal together. Year 6 have already enjoyed a fantastic year 5 trip during which they built on some crucial skills such as perseverance, resilience and communication. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning ahead, watching you grow and take on new challenges and responsibilities!

Homework

Set on Monday, due on Friday. Reading – children to record when they read and a short reflection on their reading twice a week. Spelling: 15 a week, taught on Monday and tested on Friday. 10 pattern words + 5 statutory spellings Times tables: Own targets. Tested on

Maths: a short recapping activity.

Fridays.



Autumn Focus

Our first topic that we will focus on this term will be all things **South America**. We will learn about the location and climate of some South American countries. We will look at some human and physical geography, comparing differences between Jersey and South American countries, as well as delving into the issues surrounding the Amazon. We will also create some artwork surrounding the topic.

In science, we will investigate light. We will think about how light travels in straight lines, why we can see and how light travels to our eyes and investigate shadows.

In PSHE we will be focusing on building team work, working co-operatively and facing new challenges, as well as learning about the wider world around us.

In French, we will have Mrs Mann joining us for the first half of this term to help us with our French learning. We will focus on weather and season, building up to creating and delivering our own weather report in French.

Literacy & Numeracy

Throughout this year, we will be using class texts to develop our reading and writing skills. This half-term we will be focusing on the book 'Survivors'. This is a series of short texts and stories based around people that have overcome adversity and survived through some extreme events. This will include a text based in Peru to provide a link to our topic on South America. Our focus genres this half-term are writing poetry and writing from a different point of view. In the second half of the term, we will focus on the books 'Shackleton's Journey' and 'Wild Animals of the South'. We will write a formal letter of application, as well as a non-fiction text about an Antarctic animal.

In Maths this term the children will develop their skills including: Place Value of 6 digit numbers, Addition and Subtraction, Addition/Subtraction of Decimals, Algebra, Multiplication and Division (including multiples, factors and prime numbers), Decimals and Fractions (equivalences. It is important for children to have a secure knowledge in number, such as quick mental recall of basic number facts and times tables. Please support your child in reinforcing these skills at home.

