

Canon Peter Hall C of E Primary School



Nursery Spring Term 2024

Welcome Back

We are so pleased to welcome you and your children back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had a wonderful rest. We would like extend a further welcome to our new children and families who have joined us for our January intake. We are looking forward to building new friendships and learning new skills as we continue and for some of us, start our nursery journey here at Canon Peter Hall.

Project Information

Our project for this half term is Winter:

This half term we are going to be learning more about seasonal changes, what happens in winter, the weather and how this can affect wildlife and what we can do to help. We will also be visiting our Maple tree to reflect on any changes that may have occurred.

Following this, we will also be sharing the traditional tale 'The Ugly Duckling' and using this story to guide us in our learning. We will be studying our features (hair colour, eye colour, shoe size etc) and comparing them with our friends and we will be celebrating the similarities and differences that we all have that make us all so unique.

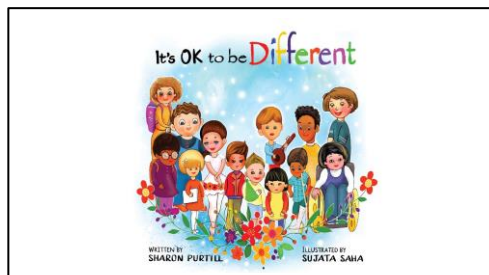
We will also be researching different animals that live on land and in water and the features that help them to do this, in particular ducks, linking to our story.

Supporting your child with their maths learning:

This term in Maths we will be focusing on 2D shapes (circle, square, triangle and rectangle) learning to recognise them, name them and learning about their features. We will be going on shape hunts around our classroom and outdoor area to see if we can spot and name different shapes.

We will also be learning about patterns, identifying patterns in the classroom and in the environment continue repeating patterns and make our own patterns using shapes and different objects.

Finally, we will be recapping our learning about numbers and counting from last half term to ensure children keep practising.



Reading:

Children will bring home a library book every Friday; this is for you to enjoy together as a bedtime story or to share together for some quiet time. When reading the story, talk with your children about the pictures and the characters and what is happening in the story.

We would like the library book to be returned the following Friday for a new one to then be sent home that day. Unfortunately, if books are not returned, we will be unable to send another one home so please ensure they are returned so the children can continue to share new stories each week.

Your children will also bring home a reading record where you can share with us what you have been reading and your children's thoughts on the story.

Motor skills

To support your child to develop their writing skills, we are helping them to strengthen their gross motor muscles. One way in which we continue to do this is through daily dough disco sessions, where the children are doing many different strengthening movements with their hands and fingers using playdough. This term we are also introducing 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' which is a programme that supports mark making through movements to music. Children will be learning to move and write in different directions, and by making patterns and squiggles using different media. This will also further support their motor skills ready to begin writing later in the year.