

Canon Peter Hall C of E Primary School



Reception - Spring Term 2024

Welcome Back

We are pleased to welcome both you and your children back into school after the Christmas break. We have really enjoyed hearing about the children's time off school. We have had a fantastic start to the New Year and the children have really impressed us with their learning, they are beginning to embed what they have been taught so far this year and use it independently to further their knowledge and skills.

Project Information

We have developed a curriculum, which is centred around 6 overarching themes.

This is what we are covering in our overarching themes this term:

The world of work – We will be learning about performers this term. We will be exploring the world of dancers, singers and musicians and hope to be able to watch some live performances.

A local landmark – We will continue to visit the forest and the school grounds to further explore how the world around us is constantly changing through the seasons.

Eating well – We will be exploring food within other cultures, including some Chinese specialities to help us with our learning about Chinese New Year.

Seasonal changes – We will be exploring the school grounds to develop our knowledge of how the world is changing through the seasons. We will be thinking about how animals cope with the changing weather, including how some animals hibernate through the winter. We will also explore the changing weather and link this to our learning about freezing and melting.

My life right now – We will be recounting our Christmas experiences and thinking about our hopes and dreams for the new year ahead.

Festivals and celebrations – We will be thinking about our experiences of Christmas and New Year, as well as exploring how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world.

You can support your child with their learning by:

- Exploring why freezing and melting happen. Can you freeze some toys and find out how to melt the ice to free them.
- Watch videos of Chinese New Year celebrations and create a Chinese Dragon dance.
- Create your own talent shows performing a dance, song or musical master piece.

Reading:

This half term, your child will start to bring home a book matched to their phonic ability. This book will be handed out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Friday. Children should read this book at least 3 times to develop confidence and fluency. We will also send out 5 videos weekly on class dojo for you to access with your children to practise the sounds they have learnt in phonics.

Every Friday your child will also bring home a book to read for pleasure from our Library for you to read to them. This needs to be returned the following Friday so they can change it. The children can show me that they have read their book by completing a reading response activity from their homework sheet.

Additionally, please read stories from home to enable your child to develop a love of reading.

Supporting your child with their maths learning:

This half term we will be furthering our counting skills by learning to count to 20 and beyond, recognising the patterns of number. We will be learning to quickly recall number bonds to 5. We will also be learning to order numbers to 10 and count out objects to match to these numerals.

You can help your child by:

- Counting to 20 and beyond as you do daily tasks.
- Show the children a number up to 5 on your fingers and ask them to show how many more they need to make 5 on their fingers.
- Creating number cards and playing games to help with number recognition up to 10.

PE

We have PE on **Wednesday morning**. Mrs Caulfield will be working with the children in PE this term and will be teaching the children games they can play using the equipment in our PE area. We expect the children to get changed for PE to develop their independence. Please provide your child with a PE kit, this should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. The children will mainly be doing PE outdoors this term when weather allows, so will also require black joggers, a black zip up hoodie and trainers. This can be left at school and will be sent home each half term, unless required sooner. Please remember to remove your child's earrings before school on a Wednesday.