

St Peter's



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Summer Newsletter

from St Peter's
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another school year, it is a wonderful time to reflect on all the good things that have happened in our school community. It has certainly been a very busy, happy and successful year with a huge amount to celebrate.

At the start of the year, our ambition was to open our doors again more widely and welcome you, our St Peter's community, back into the heart of our school. Once again, our school has been filled with the joy of learning, song and laughter and we remain proud to share this with everyone in our community. There are far too many things to mention but highlights have included shares sessions, mystery readers, Easter exhibition, productions and PSA events. I remain incredibly grateful to all of the helpers in our PSA for the immense effort to fundraise over the year and the valuable impact that these additional funds will have.

This year has also seen us launch a new direction to live out our school vision of 'Excellence' through the concept of St Peter's citizenship. You will have seen from our newsletters that our expansive pupil leadership team have undertaken a huge amount of responsibility over the course of the year. Our school council have been central to many key initiatives such as our 'Walk Or Wheel To School' week and our Eco reps have continued the incredible work that they do across the school, combining this with wider local initiatives and collaborating with other schools locally. Our extra-curricular sports offer has continued to build back after years of not being able to compete across schools. This year, we have seen a return to sporting competition in the cluster at Gordano and have welcomed many schools to St Peter's to compete in football and netball matches. We look forward to building on this success next year.

Whilst it is by no means the most important aspect of the last 12 months, it would be impossible for me to not mention, with extreme pride, our Ofsted inspection in February which resulted in an Outstanding judgement. We are extremely proud of our school and it was wonderful to have that validated by an inspection team.

Over the course of the year, our children have enjoyed their 'legacy learning' projects and, as part of this, some year groups have been able to raise donations for several deserving causes including the RNLI, The Poppy Appeal, and the Kanamai Trust. After several terms of amazing leavers' events, we have been able to send Year 6 off with a wonderful goodbye. They have been an exceptional Year 6 and rounded off the year with the most spectacular performance of the Lion King last week – I know that there were a lot of emotional parents in the audience! Due to their superb fundraising at the Easter Fair, and the generous support from our wider community, Year 6 were also able to raise all of the funds needed for their party with a small amount of money left over. After a discussion with them about what they would like to do with the last amount, they were vocal about their desire to donate this to good causes. I'm very proud to say that each class has chosen a deserving charity: the Bristol Children's Hospital (Willow Class), Cancer Research UK (Maple Class) and Little Paws (Oak Class). This is just another example of our children living out our vision of 'Excellence in our service with others'.

Across the whole school, our wider enrichment offer has returned to a full calendar of trip, visitors and residential. Year 4 visited Folly Farm for the first time and Year 6 continued the long-standing tradition of visiting Mill on the Brue. Once again, I have to say thank you to our parent community for adapting to our new approach for financial contributions to these opportunities for our pupils, which I know has been a huge success.

We know you will join us in saying a huge, heartfelt thank you to the members of staff who are leaving St Peter's to take up exciting new opportunities. They are all welcome back any time and we hope to see lots of familiar faces popping in to keep us updated about their new adventures.

Miss Katie Downey in year 4 is heading off to explore a world outside teaching and do some travelling. Mrs Jen Barrett in year 2 is leaving to take up an exciting new position in netball coaching. We wish them every happiness in all the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for them.

We will also be saying goodbye to several of our support staff who are moving on to new roles and opportunities. Miss Ashleigh Peterson, Miss Ginnie May, Miss Charlie Mason, Miss Bethany Scott, Miss Eve Wilson, Mrs Abby West Taylor and Mr Harri James are all heading off to new jobs, or further studies. We would like to thank them for all that they have done to support our children and we wish them well in all that they do in the future.

We are pleased to be welcoming 2 new teachers to our team, both of whom are well known to us at St Peter's. Mrs Gemma Larnar will be teaching in year 1 and Mrs Chloe Soper will be joining the year 4 team. We are also delighted to be welcoming Mrs Baskerville back from her maternity leave and her return to the year 3 team. 2 of our teachers are also getting married this summer and we wish them every happiness on their special days and in their married lives to come. Congratulations to Holly Crichard who returns as Mrs Shier, and to Charlie Cockburn who returns as Mrs Rodrick. We are also really pleased to let you know that Ellie Ovington will be staying with us in Year 2 until she starts her travels later in the year.

I would like to express my gratitude to every single member of the very dedicated staff at St Peter's school who really do go above and beyond to make this such a fantastic place to learn and grow. Also, a very big thank you to you – our wonderful parents, carers and wider families - because your support and engagement makes our school community a very special place.

Finally, as the last day draws to a close, I can still hear songs from The Lion King ringing through the school! It seems fitting to end this school year with some words from the show:

*'It's the circle of life and it moves us all
Through despair and hope, through faith and love
'Til we find our place on the path unwinding
In the circle, the circle of life'*

Whether you are returning to St Peter's after the holidays, or leaving for new and exciting adventures, wishing you a path that is filled with joy and happiness.

Have a wonderful summer break, stay safe and see you in September.

Kind regards,

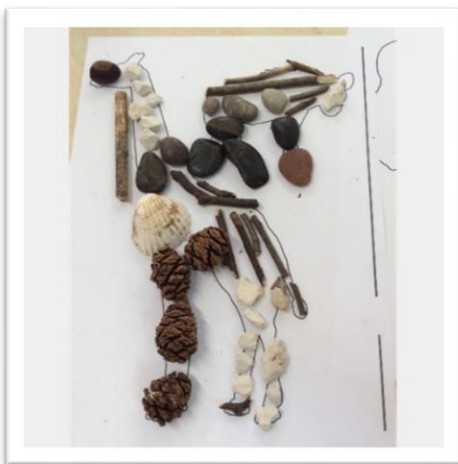
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Reception

Reception have had another busy term filled with lots of learning and fun! We started the term with our very first school sports day. The children took part in a variety of competitions from javelin to a relay race - our parents and teachers got involved too! We would like to take this time to say a massive thank you to our amazing sports coaches who helped make our sports day such a success.



In Expressive Art and Design, the children created their own masterpieces in the style of Hannah Bullen-Ryan. The children used a variety of natural resources as materials for their artwork. We also joined in designing our own emblems for St. Peter's day. The children thought about what it means to be a St. Peter's citizen.



We have also been busy getting ready for year one over the last few weeks as well. The children visited all three of the new classrooms and even had a Mystery Reader story from our year one teachers. During move up morning, the children had the opportunity to get to know their new teachers and spend some time in their new classrooms.

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In the last week of term, we also met up with our year 5 buddies. We created our very own structures using marshmallows and cocktail sticks. In order to be successful, the children worked as a team to build their creation.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the Reception children and parents. It has been an absolute joy to see the children thrive throughout the year and we can't wait to hear about their continued successes in year 1.

Have a lovely and restful summer,

Reception team



Year 1

Year 1 have had an incredibly eventful and enriching term 6. From a captivating school trip to engaging hands-on activities, we have embarked on a journey of discovery and learning.

We had an unforgettable experience during our visit to Bristol Aquarium. We were mesmerised by the vibrant underwater world and had the opportunity to observe various marine creatures up close. We learnt about different species of fish, sharks, and even had the chance to feed some fascinating marine life.



In design and technology, we unleashed our creativity by designing, making, and evaluating our own fruit plates. We explored several types of fruits, their colours, and textures and thought carefully of the pattern or picture we could create. We sketched our ideas and brought them to life using our choice of fruit. Our teachers were extremely impressed with our imaginative plates, which included fruit snails, rainbows, and faces! We really enjoyed eating our finished products as a healthy afternoon snack.



We enjoyed delving into the past as we learnt about Victorian seaside holidays in our history lessons. We discovered how people in the Victorian era enjoyed leisure time at the seaside. From donkey rides to bathing machines, to hokey pokeys and Punch and Judy shows, we have explored the various activities and



customs that were common during seaside holidays of the past. We also looked at the similarities and differences between Victorian seaside holidays and the modern beach trips that we have today, such as the transport used to get to our destinations and the clothing that we wear.



The year 1 team wish to extend a massive thank you to all our year 1 children and parents for their continued efforts this year. It has been a pleasure to see the children learn and grow throughout their time in year 1. We wish you all a delightful summer and look forward to seeing you back at St Peter's in September.

Year 2

What a fabulous final term we have had in year 2!

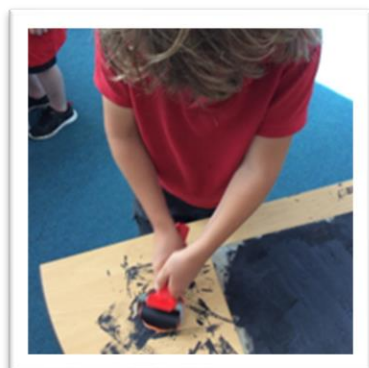
We are historians

As part of our learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel, we took a wonderful trip to the SS Great Britain where we discovered the story of the ship, what life was like for passengers and crew and more about the engineering talents of Brunel. Our highlights of the trip were seeing the famous screw propeller and going back in time to see what it was like at the first launch. We even dressed up as real-life Victorian crew members, engineers and visitors!



We are artists

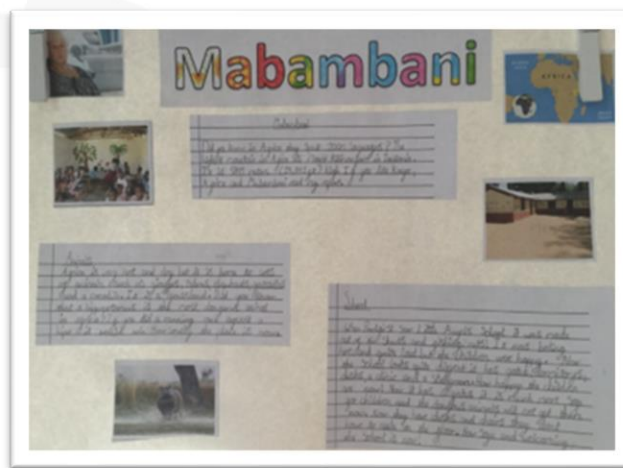
We have been exploring African textiles linked to our learning about Africa in Geography and our legacy learning project. We created our own fabric prints based on the Adinkra cloth from Ghana in West Africa. We each designed a relief print of our own 'secret symbol' that represented something about ourselves, then we put all our print designs together to make a class Adinkra cloth.

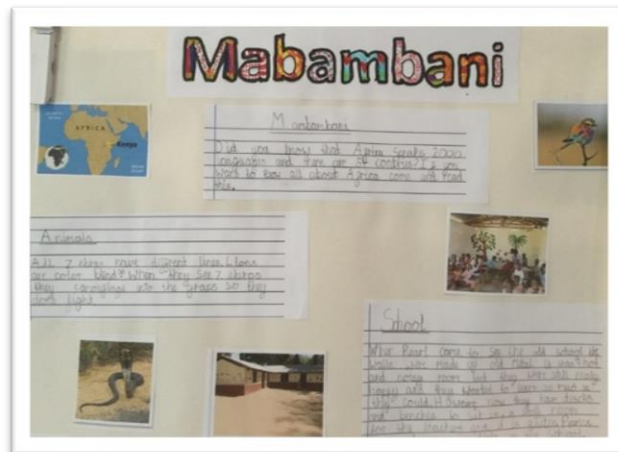
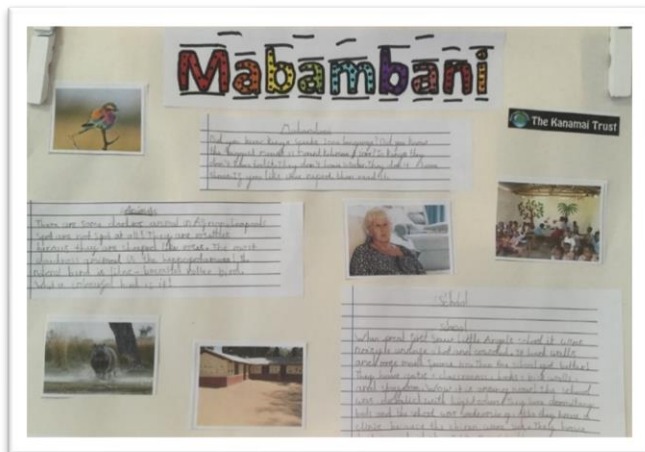




Legacy Learning - The Kanamai Trust

At the beginning of term, we had a visit from a Portishead lady called Pearl who spoke to us about her charity, the Kanamai Trust that supports a community in Kenya, East Africa. She told us all about a school in the village of Mabambani called Little Angel's School. When they first saw the school, there were 3 classes in one tiny building with a tin roof separated by a curtain of fishing nets! It was hot, noisy and very difficult to learn. They even had to cook all their meals on a fire outside. We found out about the amazing work that the charity has done to improve conditions for the children in the school and the facilities in the village. Year 2 wanted to find a way to help raise money for new books and desks for the children of Mabambani so we donated our own toys and books to sell at the school fair.

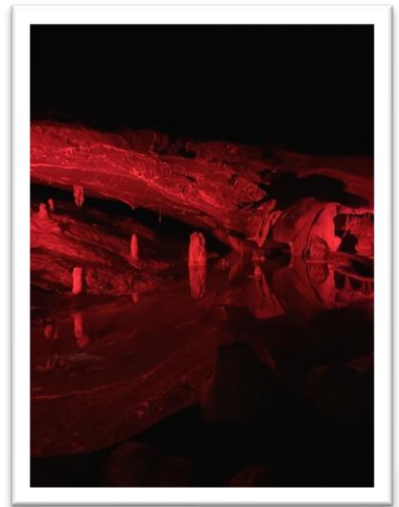
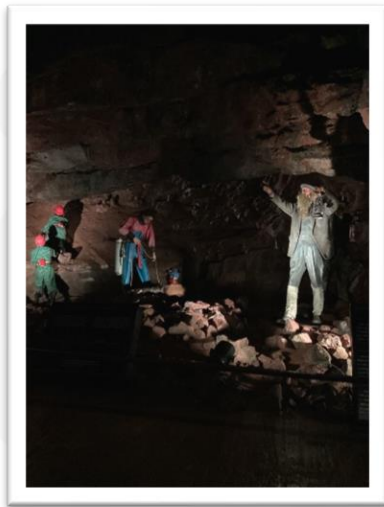
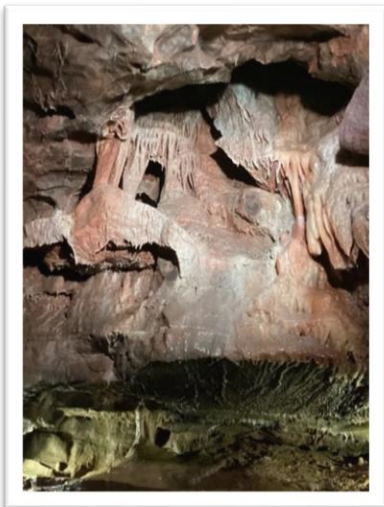




Year 3

What an exciting and busy end to the year we've had! From learning all about the RNLI, to creating boxes for scrolls and our trip to Cheddar Gorge! We've had so much fun.

We started this term with going to Cheddar Gorge Caves. We learnt all about the history of Cheddar and how the caves were used during the stone age. We learnt all about Richard Gough and how he investigated the caves. It linked well to our pre-history learning this year with how the stone age men used rock to create weapons and where they may have kept shelter. We even saw how cheddar cheese is stored in the caves to mature.



This term, Year 3 have had a focus on Design and Technology. We designed and created boxes for our certificates which showed that we completed the RNLI sponsored run. Once we had created them we evaluated to see what went well and how would we improve them. We also got an opportunity to taste and make bread. It was so much fun and we know that many will want to do it again at home!



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Year 3 have been looking at our legacy learning with the RNLI. They did an amazing job with raising money and doing their run around the running track. Before we raised the money, Geoff, a volunteer for the RNLI, came in to talk with us about the work they do daily. We got see the uniforms of lifeguards and learn how to be safe at sea. We can't wait to give the money over to Geoff in the final week of term! Thank to everyone for their support with our legacy. We raised a grand total of £1671 for the RNLI! WOW!

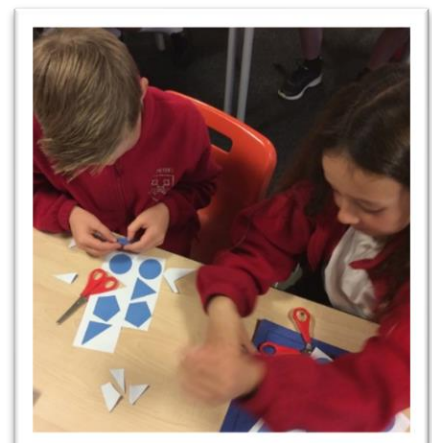


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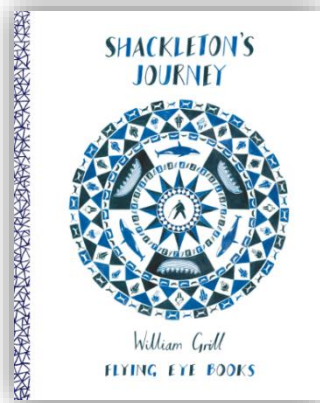
In our final term, we have enjoyed our last art project of year 4, looking at sculptures and a range of artists like Charles McGee, Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. We have thought about positive and negative space and created some of our own work inspired by the artists we have studied. We also went on a very exciting sculpture trail around Portishead to look at the work of some local artists and make sketches from different angles.



Our work in maths this term has been focused on measurement and geometry and this has given us some fantastic opportunities for hands-on learning. We have been measuring our heights and thinking about the different ways we can represent these. We have also been looking at the different ways that shapes can be folded to achieve lines of symmetry.



Finally, here are some books we have enjoyed reading as part of our work this term.



In English, we have been learning about Shackleton's treacherous journey to Antarctica and the dangerous mission faced by all of the men involved.

In RE, we have continued our learning about Hinduism and found out about the different festivals people celebrate.

Year 5

Science

In science, we have been learning about animals including humans. We enjoyed measuring different body parts and concluding that just because someone is taller doesn't necessarily mean they'll have comparatively larger feet.



RE

In RE, we have been studying Islam in term 5 and 6. We have really enjoyed learning about the five pillars of Islam and how they help Muslims to live a good life. To enhance our learning, we visited the Mosque and listened to the imam talk about Hajj and he showed us how he performs prayer.



History

In history, we have been studying the industrial revolution and Victorians. The children have really empathised with the children of the era by thinking about the working conditions and also what school was like for children of all social classes. Our Victorian WOW day was a highlight this term as the children had the opportunity to experience a school day in the life of a Victorian child. Slates and chalk replaced paper, chanting and repetition filled our lessons plus, the children spent some time marching around the playground. Although we had a lighter afternoon by learning and playing some Victorian parlour games such as pass the slipper and charades.



Sports day

On sports day, the sun shone and so did all of the children. They showed their excellence in who they are and their service with others by cheering and clapping their peers and being great sports. Well done as every child competed in an event and had a great afternoon too!





Year 6

After all our hard work and practise, we are so proud of our Lion King performance. If you came to see it, we hope that you enjoyed it. We thought you would like to see some of the fabulous photos of our cast. What a lovely celebration to the end of Year 6!



Playleaders and sport

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved gold in the School Games Mark this year. This is a Government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition and school sport. During the application, we were asked to discuss participation in sport, inclusivity, inter and intra competitions, pupil leadership and clubs. We have a huge range of children who have participated in school sport this year and we are pleased to be recognised for this. We hope to continue and improve this next year!



Play leaders

A huge thank you for to the play leaders for helping to organise games and make sure the equipment is looked after this year. We look forward to having a new group of play leaders in September.

Reading at St Peter's

As a little reminder, below are links to some resources for reading that you may wish to utilise over the summer break.

Access to books for free

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

As well as accessing the local library in person, there are hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks available on the Borrow Box app. Borrow Box is completely free and just requires a library card number to log in. It works brilliantly on tablets/ iPads.

Buying books online

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

As a school, St Peter's are able to receive funds for new books through the LoveReading4Kids website. When buying a book from LoveReading4Kids, they will donate 25% of the book's price to St Peter's if you select the school when paying for your purchase. You will also receive 10% off the RRP. We would be hugely grateful for any funds to further enhance our book collection!

Book recommendations

ReadingZone.com is dedicated to helping young people, adults & teachers to find out about children's books. Each area on the site provides information about new and classic titles with expert advice to help you find the best children's books available.

Summer Reading Challenge

It's totally free to take part! Families can sign up in North Somerset Libraries from Saturday 8 July. If they read any 6 books of their choice (of any type including audiobooks, comics, and eBooks), they will collect a special sticker per book; if they complete the challenge by Saturday 9 September, they will receive a certificate, medal and free Rebel Girls book whilst stocks last.

Eco Update

We have put the wonderful achievements of the school Eco team into a pdf document included with this newsletter as an attachment we hope you enjoy reading about the variety of things we have been doing.

PSA updates



A big thank you.

Thank you to everyone who battled the weather to come to the summer fair last Friday. We made an amazing profit of £2159.73! This brings our fundraising total to £7,900 this year which is outstanding. This money has been used to provide over £9,000 of educational resources and experiences for our children including half of the playground markings, the beautiful history board and furnishing the cocoon. We've agreed the programme of events for next year; start swotting up for quiz night!

Your PSA team