

Dear Parents

What have we been up to in class?

Year 1

Year 1 have begun their longitudinal study this week looking at the difference in weather in our different seasons. The children had great existing knowledge of the seasons and about how we knew that Autumn was Autumn. There were discussions about clothing, events, temperature and what happens to plants and animals during Autumn. We have a great foundation to now continue to think about what the weather is like in Autumn and why. We will be keeping a weather log over the year so we can track this. Please continue to have discussions with your children about the weather and if you would like to then maybe you could explore making your own rain gauge to measure rainfall over the months. There are lots of ideas for doing this online:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/learn-about/met-office-for-schools/other-content/other-resources/weather-station/rain-gauge>

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed getting stuck into our English learning. We have explored 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and used stick puppets to retell the story in a sensory way. We then went on our own bear hunts around the school and had to figure out how to deal with the obstacles we came up against. We used prepositions to describe how we did this, like under the arch, and through the tunnel. We are now reading Peepo to help us think about rhyme and simple sentences.

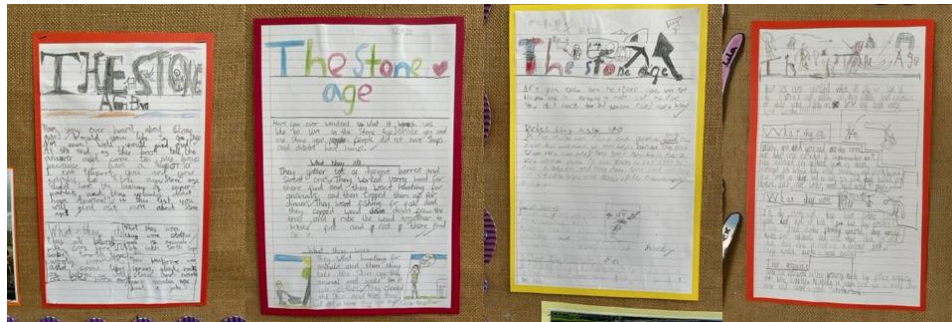


We have also enjoyed some fantastic gymnastics lessons led by a visiting teacher from Kings. We are looking forward to using the skills she has taught us in future PE lessons. Year 1 PE takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please remember to name all of your child's belongings - so far while changing one child has ended up with 3 shoes and teachers have had to find countless lost skirts, t-shirts and socks!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the year. It is a big transition from Key Stage 1 to 2 but Mrs Lightfoot and Miss Green have been so impressed with the children so far. We have been learning about the Stone Age in History. This has also filtered into our writing and our Art. The children have been fascinated with how people lived in 13,000 BC, including their clothing, food and painting techniques! Some of the children have also begun learning an instrument which has been a highlight for them too!

Below are some pieces of writing about life in the Stone Age based on what we've been reading in class as our 'Book of the Week' and using as our English text: Stone Age Boy.



'I have enjoyed writing sentences about the Stone Age and in Art I have loved making paintings using berries and our hands.' - Emilia

'I have enjoyed the start of year 3 because I have liked getting to know my teacher.' - Jack

'I have enjoyed having a piano lesson with Mrs Postlethwaite and learning a lot about the Stone Age.' - Alice

Year 4

Year 4 had a great start to the year investigating a crime scene, based on artefacts from the Book Beowulf.

We looked at the different items strewn about the wild lands and tried to predict who they belonged to and how they all linked to each other. We had great fun telling each other stories that may link the items, from kings who destroyed kingdoms resulting in their crowns losing their jewels, to battles between heroes and giants as we had a broken sword and a large, pale severed arm.



'The arm was very mysterious' - Archie

'This was a very fun way to start our book for this half term' - Hope

'I was rather interested in the crown' - Ollie

'The sword and dagger might belong to a hero' - Daisy.

Year 5

As Year 5 are our almost weekly contributors to this newsletter we have given them the week off!

Year 6

In Year 6 we have been exploring a variety of learning. In **English** our text driver has been Street Child which focuses on the life of a Victorian orphan.

“Our book, Street Child by Berlie Doherty, is all about Jim Jarvis a boy in the Victorian times and his journey after his Da died. The book is exciting and teaches me a lot about the Victorians as well. In English, our writing is currently based on this book and we are writing the story about a boy called Josh who Jim has just met. The only thing we know about Josh is that he has worked with boats for a really long time.”- Ciara

“I enjoy the suspense of Street Child and the twists of what will happen to Jim.”- Dom

We have enjoyed creating electricity experiments in **science**.

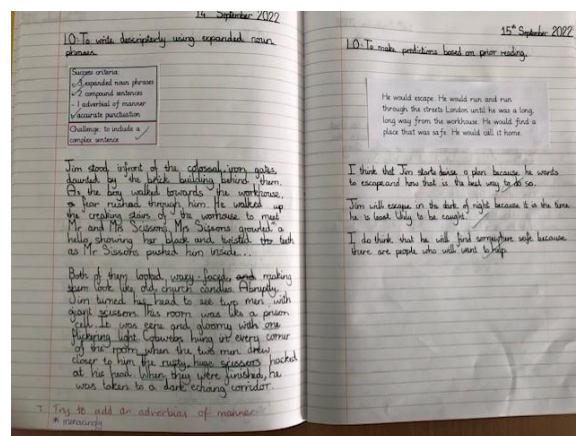
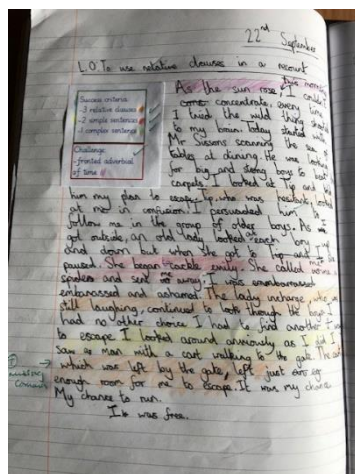
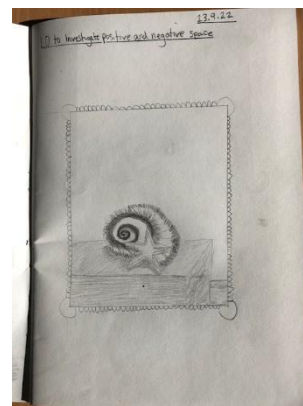
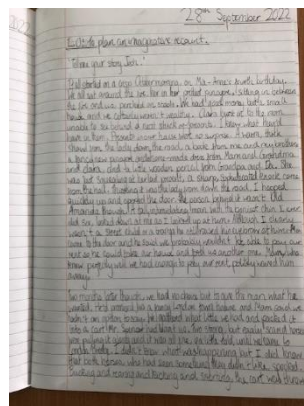
“I have really enjoyed doing the investigations we’ve done because most of them have involved planning and experimenting with different variables. Electricity has been a very interesting topic and I like learning about and exploring with the circuits.”- Matilda

“I love getting to make and experiment with circuits.”- Freddie

In **art** we have been able to study some famous still life artists such as Paul Cezanne and have been learning new techniques in building still life drawings step by step.

“I have enjoyed learning about still life this year because it has been very fun learning about different techniques for shading such as hatching and pointillism - we can use these in our work for different things.”- William

“I like trying to make still life look real - making it 3D and then adding the extra detail to it.”- Buzzy



If you have pre-school children and like the sound of St Peter's School then why not contact us to find out about the application process? Telephone 01962 852820 or email admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)

Headteacher