



# St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

*Journeying Together in Faith*



## Y5 CLASS LETTER Summer 2017

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a relaxing Easter break, enjoying the sunshine, and are all ready for another exciting term ahead!

### Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

Over the next half term, we are going to be reading One Thousand and One Arabian Nights with a view to completing our own short stories inspired by the collection! We will build on the grammar work we have covered so far and you are more than welcome to come and view some of our persuasive speeches for our previous book Shakleton's Journey.

In Maths, our main focuses this term include developing our ability to apply the new calculation methods we have learnt when solving problems and developing our speed in using these strategies. We shall also be beginning a focus on shape alongside this learning.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning about Forces, conducting practical experiments to help understand how they make our world work! We shall be designing our own experiments and developing our ability to ask scientific questions.

In the wider curriculum, we will be focusing on developing learning skills and using our school learning powers to help us to continue to learning and raising our aspiration. It is important that we focus on what it means to be a successful learner, and our PSHE curriculum will support this.

In PE, we will be having East Coast Community sports coaches delivering some lessons and we shall be building on our work on the playmaker course to actually plan and teach Year 3 one of their PE lessons!

In RE, as we lead up to Pentecost, we will be exploring life after the resurrection of Jesus from the perspectives of the Apostles and using the learning from these stories in the bible to support us in our own lives and journey in faith.

### Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

**Takeaway homework** – This half term, our takeaway homework will be focussing on our wider curriculum topics of Forces and making links with our maths and English learning.

**Maths: Times tables** – the children have been using a brilliant game on Top Marks Maths called hit the button to support them knowing and becoming quicker with their times tables. Choosing one they need practice with would be helpful.

Equally, accessing the sum dog games and activities posted on our class page as much as possible would also be beneficial

**Spellings** – As we have completed our in class spelling learning, our focus this term will be revising and becoming more confident with what we have covered. If you could you try to find time to practice spellings, which will be included in the contact book from next week, it would be most supportive to your children's learning.

**Reading and library**– Your child will receive a new reading book next week and, where possible, hearing them read would be fantastic. Sometimes this may not be

	<p>their book from school, but ensuring that they are enjoying the experience of sharing a book with you is so important.</p> <p>Our library will be undergoing some very exciting changes over this half term, which means that we will need to keep our library books in school, temporarily, so your child will not be taking a library book home in the coming weeks. If you currently have any library books at home, we would ask that you <b>return these by the 28<sup>th</sup> April or as soon as possible.</b></p>
<b>Things happening in school that you can get involved with</b>	<p>Our Masses this term are on the following dates and will start at <b>10:00:</b></p> <p>28/04/17 (Whole school Mass with Bishop Alan)</p> <p>16/06/17 (Whole school Mass)</p> <p>29/06/17 (Whole school Mass)</p> <p>21/07/17 (Whole school Mass)</p>
<b>Please take note of these points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>PE kit needs to come in to school on Monday mornings. It will stay at school all week and then go home with your child on Friday.</i></b> This is because we don't always have PE lessons on the same day or time each week and try to do as much physical learning as we can.</li> <li>• Children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...).</li> </ul>
<b>How you can get in contact with us</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please write a note in your child's school diary in the first instance. We will respond back either in the school diary or through a phone call to update you. Appointments to meet with teachers need to be made in this way.</li> <li>• The start and end of each school day are always very busy and it is not usually possible for teachers to meet with parents at these times without making an appointment.</li> <li>• If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office.</li> <li>• Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone (<i>details below</i>).</li> </ul>
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
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