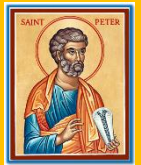





Autumn 2 2023 – Newsletter

Year 4 – St Peter



Core text for English	The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Supplementary texts	Various non-fiction texts about animals.
English focus	Writing in role, non-fiction texts, newspaper articles, narrative, argument.
Grammar focus	Subordinate clauses to describe setting, showing time and cause with adverbs, conjunctions and prepositions. Noun phrases and organising content within paragraphs.
Maths focus	Fractions, Decimals, Money.
RE focus	Topic: Called. Theme: Belonging Big question: What does it mean to be called and chosen? Topic: Gift. Theme: Loving Big question: What's so special about gifts?
Faith in Action	 CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY We are holding a Christmas jumper day on Thursday 7th December, when staff and students are encouraged to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or their own clothes in aid of the 'For Jimmy' charity in memory of teenager Jimmy Mizen who died in an unprovoked attack the day after his 16th birthday in 2008. Children will be asked to bring a £1.00 donation, to go to this worthy cause. Drawing strength from their Catholic faith, Mr. and Mrs Mizen have since worked tirelessly with young people across the country, sharing Jimmy's story with schools and the Catholic community, providing workshops on how to stay safe.
Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE	Science: Materials; States of matter. Evaporation and the Water Cycle. Geography: The Arctic and Antarctica. Computing: Computing networks (Editing and writing HTML). MFL: "I know how to..." Music: Performance (Christmas Production). DT: cooking and growing PSHE: Health and well-being
PE days (and kit expectations)	Tuesdays (indoor games, dodgeball) and Fridays (outdoor, weather permitting, hockey). Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life.
Ways to help at home	Please practise times tables at home (we practise throughout the week in class) and spellings (test on Fridays) for homework.

Read every day and make sure the reading record is signed and handed in. Your child has their own username and password for 'Times Tables Rock Stars.' It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. Homework will be given out every Friday and will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly. To log into Google Classroom, use your child's unique **username** and **number** followed by **@stjosephsgsuite.co.uk** and their unique password. Homework must be returned by the following Wednesday.

Key dates

Wednesday 1st November 2023	All Saints Day
Monday 6th November 2023	UK Parliament Week
Friday 10th November 2023	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday 13th November 2023	Anti bullying Week & Odd Socks Day
Monday 13th November 2023	Maths Week
Monday 13th November 2023	Interfaith Week
Monday 13th November 2023	Road Safety Week
Friday 17th November 2023	All Day Children in Need
Monday 20th November 2023	World Children's day
Thursday 23rd November 2023	9am & 5pm Y6 SATs Meeting
Friday 24th November 2023	All Day Own clothes day
Tuesday 28th November 2023	Parents Evening
Thursday 30th November 2023	Parents Reading
Thursday 30th November 2023	Parents Evening
December – Advent	
Monday 4th December 2023	Tree Lighting
Thursday 7th December 2023	All Day Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 11th December 2023	Christmas Discos
Tuesday 12th December 2023	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13th December 2023	2pm KS2 Nativity – Church
Friday 15th December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 19th December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm St Joseph's Talent Show
Thursday 21st December 2023	Class Parties
Thursday 21st December 2023	2pm Finish

**Additional
information**

If you have any questions, the school support email address is below

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Year 4 Team



Mr Spalding



Mrs Bird