



# WELCOME BACK CLASS 6!

St Peter's Primary School – Spring 2010



I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and new year. Many thanks for all the lovely cards and presents I received from the children in Class 6!

## Topic

Our topic this term will be improving the environment. Our work on this topic will underpin our work in many other curriculum areas, especially literacy. We have begun to design our own villages and throughout the term we will be creating projects around them. These will include character profiles, journalistic writing for the local newspaper and letters of complaint. We have begun to look at the impact of global warming, and have been looking at ways that energy can be saved in and around our school. We are writing letters to Mr Purvis about ways that St Peter's can reduce its carbon footprint – watch this space!

## Literacy

Our work in literacy throughout terms 3 and 4 will cover several units, including persuasive writing, argument, journalistic writing and biography. Much of the work for these units will be taught through our geography topic, improving the environment.

We will continue to develop our comprehension skills by completing regular reading comprehensions both in class and as homework. Please continue to read a wide range of material, as this will help to develop your comprehension skills. Challenge yourselves to read books and newspapers, but make sure you are enjoying what you are reading! If you particularly enjoyed reading a book, you could write a review of it to share with the rest of the class or your guided reading group.

## Maths

Our first topic this term will be rounding, which will form part of our work on counting, partitioning and calculating. We will then be covering work on securing number facts, understanding shape, securing data and measures, number relationships and calculating.

The teaching of maths is cyclic, so throughout terms 3 and 4 we will be building on and consolidating much of the learning we have done in terms 1 and 2.

## Science

Throughout term 3 we will continue with our previous science topic, human growth and health. We will be looking in particular at microorganisms. After the February holiday we will be looking at the science behind improving the environment, which will link to our geography topic work.

## Art

During term 3 we will be looking at painting. We will be studying the work of painter Patrick Heron and will be trying to recreate his style. After the February holiday we will be looking at collage.

## Physical Education

We will develop and improve our physical fitness through a range of dance, gymnastics and games activities throughout the year. In terms 3 and 4 our dancing will be inspired by the movement of rivers. Our gymnastics will centre around partner work and building pathways around low obstacles. Our outdoor games focus in term 3 will be football, and after the holiday we will be doing uni-hoc.

PE is usually taught on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. However, please ensure that you have your PE kit in school every day, as there will sometimes be additional sessions. Indoor PE kit consists of black shorts and a white t-shirt. Outdoor kit is a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms and trainers. On cold days children are allowed to wear their school sweatshirt during outdoor PE. Please ensure that you pack a separate t-shirt in your PE kit, as some children have been forgetting to change out of their school polo shirt for PE lessons.

## PSHE

Our PSHE lessons are taught throughout the time and are a really valuable way of making sure that everyone in Class 6 feels happy and secure. Circle times provide an opportunity for children to raise any issues which are worrying them with the rest of the class. Remember that if you want to raise something to be discussed in circle time, you can do so anonymously by putting a note in the worries box by my desk. Our PSHE topic for term 3 will be 'going for goals'. After the holiday it will be 'good to be me'.

#### French

I am delighted at how much French the children of Class 6 now know, and the confidence they show at speaking a new language. Our French topic for term 3 will be celebrations, and after the holiday our topic will be sports, where we will be learning to describe our physical characteristics in French.

#### Religious Education

Our RE studies throughout the year will focus on religious concepts and themes, with reference to specific religions. Our RE topic this term will be art in religion. In term 4 during the run up to Easter, we will be looking at the story of Easter and discussing the themes of despair and hope.

#### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be returned on the following Tuesday, unless otherwise stated. Year 6 children are expected to spend between two and two and a half hours on their homework each week, including at least ten minutes a day spent reading. It is very important to get into a routine for completing homework as this will help to prepare for secondary school. Please come and see me if you wish to discuss homework further. Please also note that Year 6 children are responsible for coming to see me on either the Thursday, Friday or Monday *before* homework is due if they have any question relating to it.

We will have reading time most days and your child will bring their reading book and reading record home on a daily basis. When you listen to your child read, please put a comment in their reading record.

#### Reminders

As it is important to drink plenty of water throughout the day, please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day.

#### Questions or Queries

If you have any questions or queries I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss them. Please don't hesitate to contact me for an informal chat or to arrange an appointment.

I am looking forward to another busy and exciting term working with Class 6, and I look forward to seeing you all soon at the next parents' evening.

Kate Urry