

## ST PETER CLASS NEWSLETTER



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Spring 2	
Core text for English	Beetle Boy, by M G Leonard.
Supplementary texts	How to be a Lion, by Ed Vere.
English focus	Immersion in text and character analysis, prediction, inference and opinions.  Narrative from a character's perspective.  Non-chronological report about an insect. Formal letter writing. Poetry about insects.
Grammar focus	Writing in first person, present tense, using adverbials, prepositions, embedded clauses, relative clauses and expanded noun phrases. Using inverted commas. Setting work out in paragraphs using formal and informal tone and correct spelling. Starting to use ambitious punctuation: brackets, colons and dashes.
Maths focus	Place value, multiplication and division, area and shape.
RE focus	Topic: Relating. Theme: Giving and receiving  Big question: What's more important - giving or receiving?  Topic: Giving. Theme: Self-discipline
	Big question: Is self-discipline important in life?
Faith in Action	THE GWALK
	This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. The children of St Joseph's will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Cafod and the 'Big Lent Walk'.

Foundation subject topics - history, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE	Art - Tudor Portraiture; Hans Holbein. Drawing/colour.  PSHE - Mental health and well-being. Online safety.  Geography - Time zones, climate and climate change.  Science - Forces; mechanisms, levers and pulleys.  Computing - Computational thinking, prototyping an interactive toy.  Music - Influential modern composers: Hans Zimmer  MFL(Spanish) - Clothes
PE days (and kit expectations)	Tuesdays (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) and Fridays (coach, basketball).  Kit expectation is white t-shirt, dark tracksuit bottoms or shorts, trainers and St. Joseph's school jumper.
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 must be returned by the following Wednesday. Second copies will be given for any late homeworks to be completed during lunch time.
Key dates	Please see website
Additional information	If you have any questions, the school support email address is below  School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk