



Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed spending some quality time with your children. I'm thrilled to be teaching Class 3 this year and can't wait to see all the wonderful things we'll achieve together.

The teaching arrangements for our class are as follows:

- Class 3 teachers – myself (Mrs Searle) and Mrs Maher on Wednesdays.
- Teaching assistants – Mrs Raja, Mrs Webb and Mrs Wiliamson.

The staff and I liaise and plan together on a regular basis to ensure consistency, adequate curriculum coverage and to make sure your child's needs are met.

A topic web will be sent home at the beginning of each term to inform you of what your child will be learning.

Weekly homework activities

- **Times tables** - The first times tables test will be on Friday 19th September (stuck in reading records the Friday before). Times Tables Rockstars is a great app/website to help your child practise.
- **Spellings** – For Year 3 children, the first spelling test will be on Friday 12th September. For Year 2 children, their first spelling test will be on Friday 26th September (spellings will be stuck in reading records the Friday before). Children will have a re-test on the following Monday if they get less than 5 correct. The spellings that your child is expected to know by the end of the year will also be stuck in the back of your child's reading record. Learning and practising these throughout the year would greatly benefit your child.
- **Maths and/or English homework** activities will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in by the following Monday. Homework will be sent home weekly starting on Wednesday 10th September. Children who do not complete their homework will be expected to complete it at lunchtime.

All login details for the online learning platforms can be found in the front of your child's reading records.

Reading

Pupils will have at least two opportunities a week to read with a member of staff. This will take place during 'Guided Reading' and throughout other sessions. Reading is a very important part of your child's development in all areas. Due to this, **each child is expected to read for at least 5-10 minutes per day as part of their homework**. This should be predominantly their home reading book but they will also have a library book (changed on a Wednesday if and when required).

Please fill in and sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read. Children will receive team points, and those who have read regularly throughout the week will be entered into a prize draw to become reader of the week. Reading books will be changed as and when required. If your child has finished their reading book and it has been recorded in their reading record, they just need to pop their book and reading record in the changing pile when they come into class in the morning.

Refreshments

Year 2 children will still receive fruit at break times, but Year 3 children will need to bring a healthy snack to school for morning break each day. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school, these will be filled up daily.

PE/Outdoor learning.

Pupils take part in PE for at least 2 hours a week. Please ensure **PE kits are in school ASAP** and they will be kept in school until the holidays. This includes suitable black pumps, black shorts, jogging bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and a pair of trainers. No branded logos or writing on PE kits please. Children who wear tights will need to have a pair of white socks for indoor PE. Your child will be swimming after Christmas and a reminder letter will be sent nearer the time. For swimming lessons, boys will need swimming trunks or lycra shorts. Girls will need a swimming costume (no bikinis). Long hair needs to be tied back and covered with a swim cap.

For **forest school sessions** please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing such as warm layers of inexpensive clothing, wellies, hat/scarf/gloves and waterproofs for each session. They will be held every 3 weeks. You will be notified prior to the session. If your child doesn't bring suitable clothing on the day they will still participate in the activities but unfortunately will have to do it in their school clothes and shoes.

If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please ensure a note is written in your child's reading record explaining why they can't participate.

Uniform

As you already know we have a very high standard of uniform at St Peter's, so please ensure your child wears the correct uniform every day. The uniform policy can be found on the school website. Besides this, they should always bring their book bag, reading book and reading record to school each day.

Entering and Leaving School

Children can arrive between 8:50 and 9:00am. Children will enter through the hall door and make their way into Class 3. At the end of the day children will be brought out onto the ramp outside the hall door. **They can be collected from 3:15 to 3:25pm.** Any children not collected by 3:25pm will be placed into Keys Club and charged for the session.

Communication

We now send most of our **letters home by email** so please check for these regularly. However, some **letters may be sent home in book bags and notes may be written in reading records so please check both daily.** It is also very important that you keep updated with Mrs Sullivan's **weekly newsletter** as it is full of useful school information and important dates.

If you have any questions, concerns or if you need to inform me about anything please write a note in your child's reading record on the current week (these are checked daily). Alternatively, you can catch me at 8:50am, 3:25pm or please contact me to arrange a meeting at a more convenient time for you. My email address is c.searle@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk. If you need me during the school day, please ask the office staff to pass a message on to me as I won't be able to reply to your email straight away.

'Meet the Teacher' will be on Thursday 18th September at 1.45pm. Please join us for a coffee and a cake in the hall, then make your way over to Class 3 to see what we have been up to so far in class.

If you wish to join us, you will get the chance to meet the staff in Class 3 as well as have a look around the classroom with your child.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I am really looking forward to working alongside you and your children over the coming year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Searle ☺