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In this world, recommendations wield an immense power that often goes unnoticed. Whether it's a friend suggesting a new restaurant, a colleague recommending a book or a streaming service suggesting a movie, these recommendations shape our decisions and experiences every day. In essence, recommendations act as trusted guides. In our parent survey during Ofsted, you were all amazingly positive about the school, and that meant an awful lot to me and all of the staff. I am now asking you for a favour. I would like you to recommend our school to any local families who live in the area or are moving to the area. School finances across the country are not where they should be, and the only way that we can improve them at present is to ensure that we have strong pupil numbers. Often the best way to do this, is through the power of recommendation. So, if you feel strongly about the work that we do here at Peter's, please mention us to friends and family! We want people to choose us! Thank you.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024

December

Thursday 21st December School closes for Christmas Break

January 2024

Monday 8th—School Opens

February

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd—Half Term Break

March

Friday 22nd School closes for Easter Break

April

Monday 8th School Opens

May

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

July

School closes Wednesday 10th July

Spotlight On

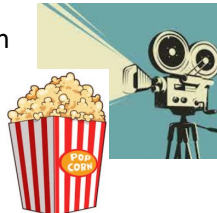
Attendance

As a school and Trust we have been doing lots of work to improve attendance and punctuality as we believe *'regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them, helping them to become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential'*



As well as supporting parents, we want to encourage children, as much

as possible, to want to be in school on time, every day. We will be awarding the class with the highest attendance this term, a film afternoon with popcorn and snacks and hope that this will provide some motivation.



**Trust Attendance and Punctuality Policy due to be published later this term*

ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say well done to the class with the best attendance

22/01	98.82%	Turtles
29/01	99.26%	Zebras
5/2	98%	Orangutans
12/2	98.57%	Orangutans

Overall attendance as at 96.57%
Lets keep this up we are aiming for 98%



thinktank
Birmingham science museum

On Monday the 15th of January, Y3 and Y4 went to the Think Tank in Birmingham. We enjoyed it and had lots of fun. We explored it with glee. In the middle of the morning, Y4 had a Forensic Investigation and Y3 had Forces with Magnets. We explored the last floors and enjoyed the experiments along the way. I rate it as a 5 star experience. By Isabella, Year 4.

This month we are encouraging children to take part in **40 Days of Kindness for Lent**. We will also be asking you to kindly contribute to our charity collection. Children will receive Bingo sheets and any completed sheets entered into a prize drawer. The winning child will receive a certificate and their family can choose which charity we donate our collection to. Please help us to make this endeavour successful.



At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

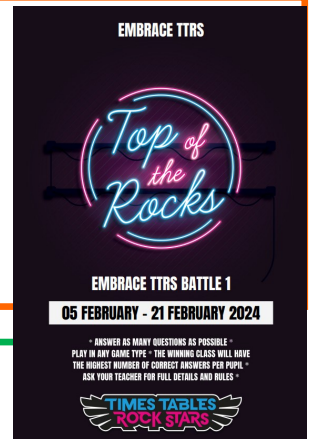
♥ Friendship ♥ Thankfulness ♥ Forgiveness ♥ Respect ♥ Trust ♥ Hope ♥ Compassion ♥ Justice ♥



Well done to our January school Times Tables Rock Stars -

Archie Shardlow (Year 2), Alfie Spicer (Year 3),
Joshua Wright (Year 4),
Lucy Wynd and Oscar Bayliss (Year 5)
and Talia Lightbown (Year 6).

This month we are taking part in a whole Trust compe-



WASPs News

A massive thank you to the WASPs team for organising the school disco. This takes up a lot of their time and raises vital funds for our school which all children benefit from. They have really struggled selling tickets as members all had commitments. We appreciate everything they do. Please do consider joining this wonderful team—you can be assured of a warm welcome and many hands make light work. Please speak to the office if you are interested. The most recent and amazing fund raising has been over £10,000 in two years to refurbish the school library. Work will begin on this soon and you will all see what a difference WASPs make. Currently, they have only a small membership of seven people and we would hate WASPs to finish so once again please consider joining.



Cheerleading Club

Our wonderful cheerleaders put on an amazing performance during assembly, with some impressive moves including clever gymnastics and spectacular lifts. Well done Beth and Freya



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have 1 vacancy for parent governor Information has been sent out via parent pay. The deadline for nominations is 14.3.24

If you wish to know more about this worthwhile voluntary position, please ask at the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Monday 18th

Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th

Parents Evening

May

Weds 22nd— Fri 24th

Year 5/6 trip to Kingswood

June

Saturday 15th

WASP's School Fete

2024—2025

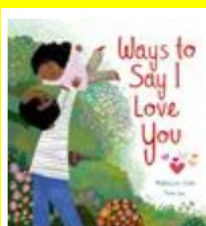
September

12th—13th

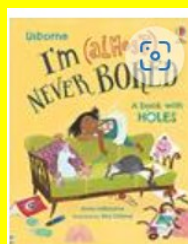
Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

Mrs Howard's Books of the month

Ages 4-5



Ages 7+



Ages 8-9



Ages 9+



Ages 9-12



For more book recommendations and advice to support your child with Reading, go to

www.booktrust.org.uk



Super Work from St Peter's pupils

A book review by Lydia Pennington in Year 5

Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball by Laura Ellen Anderson

I am writing this report on the first Amelia Fang book. There are 7 books in this series all about Amelia (a friendly vampire) and her friends Florence (a yeti), Grimaldi (a grim reaper) and Squashy (Amelia's pet pumpkin).

At the start of the book, the unpopular young Prince Tangine of Nocturnia rarely leaves his palace. When Amelia's parents invite the King and Prince Tangine to the Fang Mansion for dinner, the lonely Prince kidnaps Squashy. Amelia must make a daring rescue to get him back! The Creatures of the Dark are frightened of the Creatures of the Light and the Royal family have a big secret to hide...

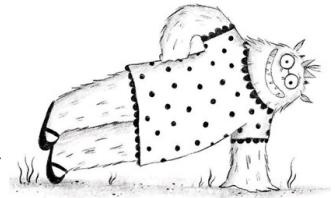
In my opinion, the most engaging part is at the end, when you find out what the Prince's big secret is and what they need to do in the next book to get Tangine's Mother back!

My favourite character is Florence the yeti, because she is always comforting when things go wrong and she never gives up. Florence is very confident and likes to make it clear that she is not a normal yeti. Her catchphrase is "I AM NOT A BEAST!!! I AM A RARE BREED OF YETI!!!!"

An interesting thing about this book is that Laura Ellen Anderson uses capital letters whenever Florence the Yeti speaks because Florence has a very loud voice!

I only partially enjoyed the section of the book where Tangine takes Squashy. This always makes me anxious every time I read it because Amelia's parents can't stop the royal prince taking whatever he wants.

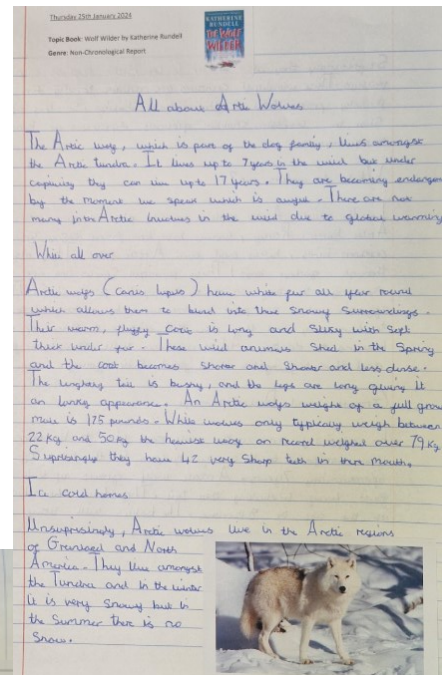
This book would be good for people who enjoy engaging and beautiful artwork because Laura Ellen Anderson illustrates her own books with hilarious pictures like a yeti doing a one-armed push up! However, this book might not be so good for people who are easily frightened. The series is about vampires, skeletons, yetis and grim reapers but they are all well-meaning characters. It would be best for year 3 and up due to some scary themes.



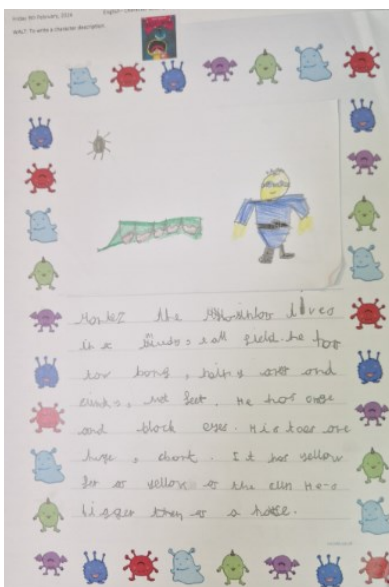
'Making It Move' Design Technology Day in Year 3: work by Teide, Ella N, Oliver and Rocco.



A sample of a non-chronological report by Lavenna in Year 6



A character description by Milo in Year 2



Geography work by In Year 4, linked to their topic Misty Mountain, Winding River

WALP: Name, locate and explore the significance of world mountains.

How can I help myself? How can I challenge myself?

Independent Peer Guided

WILP:

- Name of mountain
- Continent of mountain
- Type of mountain

Mountain	Mountain range or group	Continent	Interesting fact
Mount Everest	Himalayas	Asia	Around two parts which to climb it. Half of them make it.
Denali	Alaska	North America	Denali is a fault-block mountain. It's also one of the coldest mountains in the world.
Mount Aconcagua	Andes	South America	People can climb without using ropes.
Mount Kilimanjaro	Africa	East Africa	It's the highest free-standing mountain in the world.
Mount Olympus	European range	Europe	It's believed to be the home of Greek Gods.
Mount Kosciuszko	Australian Alps	Australia	The highest mountain you can climb.

