



## Welcome to Sanderling Class 2021-22!

### Autumn Newsletter



A big warm welcome to everyone joining us here at St Peter's and welcome back to all those returning after what I hope has been a lovely summer holiday! I am very excited to be welcoming you into Sanderling Class – we are very lucky to have some amazing indoor and outdoor learning spaces ready to be used and a fantastic bunch of Reception and Year 1 children raring get learning!

Throughout this year, I will be working closely with Mrs Winter (Skylarks) and Mrs Longdon (Oystercatchers) to provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum for all our children. Learning through play will remain an important part of our school day in Sanderlings, but this is carefully planned and differentiated in order to challenge Reception and Year 1 children of all abilities. This will, of course, be balanced with more structured, adult-led work as well. We are very lucky to have two members of fabulous support staff in our class this year; Mrs Stokes will be our Teaching Assistant in the mornings and Mrs Wainwright will be with us in the afternoons.

Our topic for the first half term is 'Penguins, Parrots and Puffins' and then after the half term holidays we will move onto the topic of 'Dungeons and Dragons'. All children in Sanderlings learn through the same overarching topics, but with differentiated objectives from the relevant curriculum. In Year 1, the children will further develop their knowledge and skills within the framework of the Key Stage 1 curriculum. In Reception, the curriculum is based on the Early Learning Goals which aim to foster and extend physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. Please visit our class page on the website to see full curriculum coverage for both Reception and Year 1.

Below you will find some useful information about day-to-day life in Sanderling Class.

#### General information:

<b><u>Reading books</u></b>	<b><u>Coats and drinks</u></b>
Please read with your child at home as often as possible. We will aim to change reading books twice a week but we will only change if they have been read at home. Please sign their reading comments book to show that they have been read and leave a comment if you wish. Reading books and comment books need to be kept in their book bags each day please. Thank you!	Please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat in school everyday as some of our learning opportunities take place outside. Please also ensure that your child has a clear named water bottle with them in school. They are able to access this throughout the school day. Children are also welcome to bring a piece of fruit to eat at break time if they wish.
<b><u>PE</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
The children will have a PE lesson with Miss Knowles every Tuesday morning and with Miss Hayton on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly labelled and kept in school at all times. We will send home PE kits at the end of each half term to be washed and returned. Please see our class page for our PE coverage this term.	The children will have a school library session each week on a Friday afternoon. They may borrow 1 book from the school library which can be kept at home for the week to share with you. Please ensure this book is returned the following Friday. Thank you very much!

### Milk

Children aged 4 will receive free milk on a daily basis. You need to register online for this. If you would like your child to continue to drink milk once they turn 5, you will need to re-register your child with the milk company [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) a week or two before their birthday. Please see [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) regarding payment or see the school office for more information.

### Bertie Bear

Our class bear loves to travel. If you're going on holiday or even on a day trip somewhere, it would be lovely if you take him and his diary with you. He loves his long holidays in the sun, as well as his short breaks in Britain! We would love to hear about what he has been doing once he returns. Please ask a member of staff if your child would like to take him.

## Rewards and Celebrations:

### House Teams and Credits

Every child at St Peter's is allocated a colour house team. We use our house teams for events such as Sports Day and for our credit system across the school. When a child has done something extra special that we are proud of in their learning and/or behaviour they will receive a credit. If they receive 6 or more credits in a week, they will be rewarded with a certificate in achievement assembly. The house team with the highest number of credits at the end of each half term will win an extra playtime.

### Reader of the Week

In Sanderling Class, we love to celebrate reading! In our classroom we have a special 'reader of the week' display. If a child is reading lots at home or has been trying particularly hard with their reading and phonics in school, they may become our 'reader of the week'! This means that their photograph will be proudly displayed alongside the special 'reading hat' on the wall and they will receive a reading certificate to bring home and show you!

### Raffle tickets

In Sanderlings, we also love to celebrate independent learning. Each week, Reception and Year 1 are set differentiated independent challenges alongside their adult-led learning. A raffle ticket is given out as a reward if a member of staff sees a child working particularly hard on their independent challenges! At the end of the week, we draw a few raffle tickets out and the winners pick a prize from our treat box!

### Achievement Assembly

On Fridays the children's school achievements are celebrated in Celebration Assembly. Children can also bring in out of school certificates and trophies to share. We love to see what the children have been up to outside of school so please do send any in! Please ensure that these are labelled with your child's name and class.

You are more than welcome to catch a member of the Sanderling staff at the end of the school day if you would like to ask us or tell us something. We also try to look at the Reception blue communication books and Year 1 reading records every day so you can leave us a little message in there for us to reply to as well.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any concerns, no matter how small! We are always here to help!

Many thanks,  
Miss Hayton and the Sanderling Team ☺

