

St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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Newsletter — Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term, where a new chapter of *'life in all fullness'* adventures awaits us all. This month, we welcome you to join us for the next Action for Happiness Calendar, *'Happier January'*. This calendar features 31 actions, helping us to *'get 2025 off to the best possible start and create a sense of hope for the year ahead'*.



Collective Worship Theme

This term, our assembly theme is *'Psalms: Songs from the Heart'*.

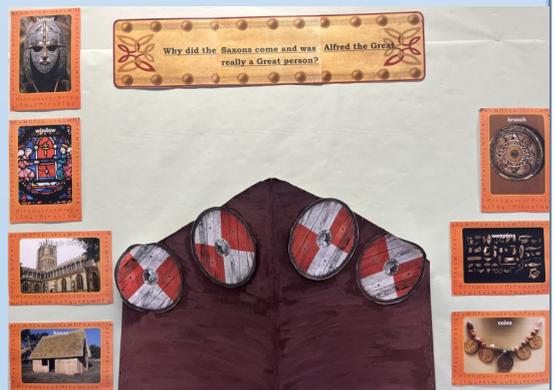
At the beginning of a new term and a brand new year, we begin a new series of themes, reflecting on the life and writings of King David, who contributed much of the content of the book of Psalms in the Bible. We are using the title *'Songs from the Heart'*, reflective of the Psalms: heartfelt expressions of joy, sadness, frustration, hope and longing - giving voice to experiences and emotions that pupils of all faiths and none can relate to.

Curriculum Projects

Each year group has an exciting curriculum project in store for them this half term!

Year 3 are investigating: *How are volcanoes life changing?* At the launch of this exciting project, the children created and erupted their own volcano sculptures. Underpinned by their geographical enquiry, Year 3 will explore a variety of volcanoes, exposing them to different cultures and communities all around the world. Enhanced by their work in art, music and English, the children will explore the life changing impact of volcanoes.

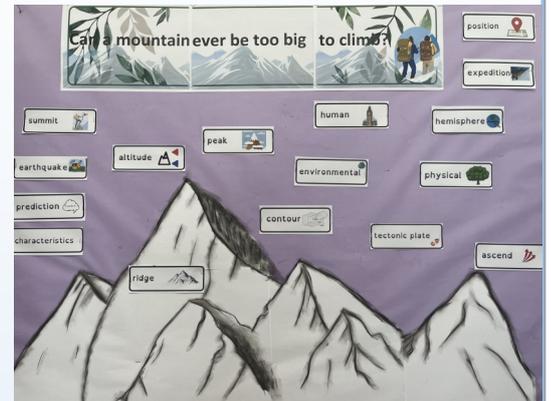
This half term, Year 4 are embarking on a historical voyage, learning about the Anglo Saxons and King Alfred the Great, as they discover: *What makes someone a great person?* This week, the children designed a Saxon shield and they're looking forward to their upcoming residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre. As historians, Year 4 will create an information report about Anglo Saxon life - as they also reflect on the qualities of a great person, past and present.



This half term, Year 5 are discovering: *What makes our local area unique?* Underpinned by their work in geography and art, they will investigate physical and human features in and around our town of Farnborough. Inspired by the book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio, they will also investigate what makes a person unique. Their project will culminate in the celebration of a significant person in Farnborough - someone who has made a 'unique' impact on our community, both past and present.



At the start a new calendar year, Year 6 are considering: *Can a mountain ever be too big to climb?* Through this project, the children will engage in the awe and wonder of mountain life, while also considering the perilous conditions. As mountaineers, they will set their sights high – considering how they might journey through and persevere, in order to achieve their dreams and goals. This project is further enhanced by their driving text: 'Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay'



Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Miss Reece and the Team

Our Church School Values are: Celebration, Collaboration, Respect, Responsibility, Service and Truth

Happier January 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	 7 Learn something new and share it with others	1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths
13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today	8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat
20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone	15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough
 27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently	22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today
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