petherton parkschool
> INSPIRING LEARNING

Newsletter

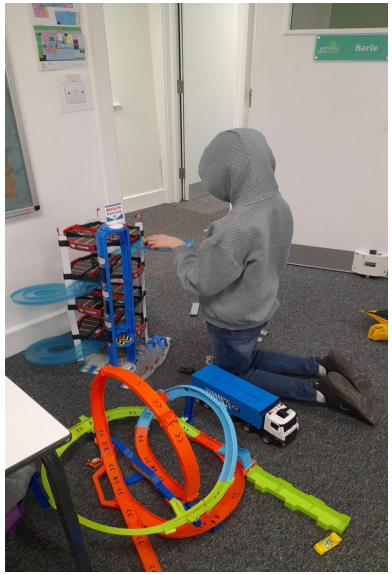
7 - 17 January 2025

Wishing a very Happy New Year to our pupils and our families.

CURRICULUM LEARNING

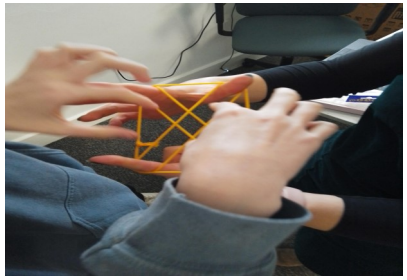
Our new topic this term is **Groundbreaking Greeks** (as our History curriculum focus). In **English** our focus will be on non-chronological report writing and later on, diary and recounts.
In **Maths** we will be learning and mastering calculations and problems solving involving money, and becoming confident in working with fractions, in all its different forms.
Our **PSHE** theme is Dreams and Goals and later on, Healthy Me! As some of our pupils are preparing themselves for college and exploring career options, this subject will be very helpful guidance.
In **Science**, we're exploring the different type of forces; gravity, friction, magnetic, push/pull, spring and quite a few more.
In **RE** we are learning about Islam In **Art** we are learning about World Culture and how Art is reflected across the world. In **Computing**, we continue to follow the iCompute curriculum, and will be thinking once again about ESafety as it is such an important concept for our pupils to learn about.
We continue to provide a wide range of **PE** and outdoor activities such as swimming, golf, football, horse-riding, bike-riding as well as many exciting **enriched learning opportunities** for all our pupils.

LIFE AT PETHERTON



Freddie really enjoyed playing with the Hot Wheels set - what **forces** do you think he explored as part of his science lesson?

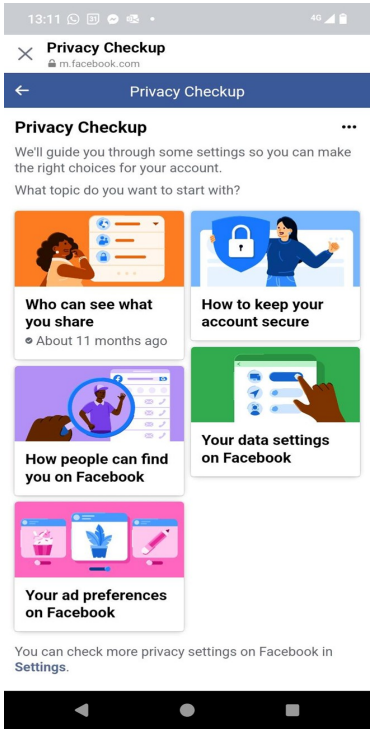
Taking part in creative activities is very popular at Petherton Park School. Kian continues to produce some incredible pieces of work - maybe we can have a Gallery Viewing one day. And in Frome class, our pupils have been learning about Batik Art, popular in many African countries and in South East Asia.



Low-tech fun which is great for developing our fine motor skills! Lexi has been teaching us how to do Cats Cradle.

Physics, forces, fitness & FInnley!

ESafety has been explored again this term - have you checked your privacy settings?



Some of our pupils have been attending Little Clayhill Farm. It's been a lot of fun, and some hard work too! Tending to the animals has been a highlight of our visits. Can you spot all the different animals that our pupils got to meet and

2024 2025 TERM DATES

Term	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term 1	**04/09/24**	**23/10/24**
INSET DAYS Thursday 24 October & Friday 25 October **HALF TERM Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November**		
Autumn Term 2	**04/11/24**	**19/12/24** **12pm finish**
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Friday 20 December to Friday 3 January **INSET DAY Monday 6 January**		
Spring Term 3	**07/01/25**	**14/02/25**
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February		
Spring Term 4	**24/02/25**	**04/04/25** **12pm finish**
EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April		
Summer Term 5	**22/04/2025**	**23/05/25**
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 May **HALF TERM Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May**		
Summer Term 6	**02/06/25**	**22/07/25** **12pm finish**

GOLDEN TIME TRIPS

10/01/2025	We the Curious, Bristol
17/01/2025	Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall
24/01/2025	Montacute House, Montacute
31/01/2025	VR Escape Room, Taunton
07/02/2025	Beach Clean & RNLI visit
14/02/2025	Pupil Choice - end of term celebration!
28/02/2025	To be decided
07/03/2025	National Trust Garden – Great British Bug Hunt!
14/03/2025	Bristol Museum, Bristol – Ancient Greeks study
03/04/2025	Hinkley Point, Cannington

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

We were excited to welcome our pupils back after the Christmas break and get them started on their new topics. The pupils are working at pace through their new topics and are excited by their new concepts. Science continues to be a big hit with the pupils and the pupils are all working hard towards their Entry Level Certificates in Science in preparation for a GCSE pathway she they wish to access this in the future!

Last week our pupils visited Noah's Ark Zoo Farm to start to collate information towards their reports and this week they will be taking part in the great Bird Watch to gather even more interesting facts!

Our Flourish and Grow targeted interventions are making huge improvements to pupils confidence in lessons, with pupils working on phonics, reading, maths and handwriting to name but a few!

Our Pupil Council have recently received their job descriptions ahead of our school bake sale to generate money for new play equipment. The pupils are going to be working together to design their outside spaces before presenting their ideas to the Board of Directors. If you would like to get involved in our school bake sale, please do let me know!

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you have any safeguarding concerns about ANY child (not just a child within our setting), please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

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Safeguarding is EVERYONES responsibility