



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've survived the second week of Lockdown 3.0. In fact, in many areas we've thrived. It's been amazing to watch the children flourish online and they've quickly become used to the latest ways of working. I know that many of you are balancing lots at home and this isn't easy for anyone. Well done on working together and producing some great learning moments this week. Thank you for engaging with your child's Home Learning and thanks to those in school for keeping us safe.

### **Nursery News**

What a super week we've had in Nursery! The children are trying new foods at lunch time, new skills on the playground and new ways of counting in French. The children are enjoying playing with the castle set and have been decorating shields and princess dresses. They've used a variety of construction materials to build and are building upon their friendships too. We are working hard on counting; filling numbered sweet bags with coloured pom-poms, shiny gems onto numbered crowns, animals in the farmers fields and moving our bodies in different ways while counting. Thank you Nursery parents for staying so vigilant before and after school.

### **Keep Reading**

We're setting lots of work in Google Classroom and your Class Teachers are working hard to give you many activities and things to do. Please continue to encourage your children to read every day. In fact, I hope you can all find the time each day to read. We'll be setting a reading challenge for all of the children next week and reminding the children in Monday's assembly about the importance of reading. Enjoy reading with your child and enjoy the quiet time if they're able to read on their own. I've really enjoyed story time with Year 2 this week. I now know that Victor Maximillian St George is the bravest Hodgeheg in the land!

### **Get Creative!**

I was fortunate enough to meet online with Professor Bill Lucas yesterday. He's an educational author and Director for the Centre of Real World Learning. He's also chair of the strategic advisory group for the 2021 PISA test of Creative Thinking, part of the Durham Commission on Creativity in Education and is a director of learning at two universities. We discussed the importance of creativity, reflectivity, independence and resilience in an online world. Home Learning isn't just about learning facts and isn't just the core subjects. At St Peter's, we want children to develop a love of learning for life. This is why we're setting Music and Sport challenges and sharing resources from museums and trusts. I know it's more difficult, but allow the children to be creative, give them time to do the art and research projects. Most importantly, let them make mistakes, don't rush to finish and give them time to explore new things. I know the teachers really like seeing the creative outlets of the children. If you do have time to bake and create or walk and talk, please share pictures and stories with your Class Teachers.



## Community Support

We want to be there for you. Your Class Teachers are there for you every day. If you need support, please reach out. I really value the support I've had this week from parents I've spoken to. Thank you. There are members of our community who need our thoughts and prayers this week and I hope they know that we're thinking of them.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher