



Peel Brow Primary School



AUTUMN 2025 LEARNING NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy and successful Autumn Term at Peel Brow. Our parent workshops and "Come and See" sessions were well-received, fostering meaningful engagement and collaboration between home and school. We also celebrated Interfaith Week, embracing the rich diversity within our school and promoting understanding and respect across different cultures and beliefs. Exciting in-school workshops and educational trips further enriched the students' experience, complementing their academic growth. Additionally, our students showcased remarkable skill and sportsmanship in various sporting events. Our children have proudly demonstrated our school values, showing happiness, embracing challenges, achieving success, and taking pride in their accomplishments. We look forward to this continuing in Spring Term.

DUCKLINGS

We have had a wonderful first term in Ducklings and we are extremely proud of how the children have settled in. In Autumn 1 we spent time getting to know each other, exploring our new classroom and outdoor area, and learning the school rules. Our key text was 'Owl Babies' and we loved researching different facts about owls. Our learning was brought to life when SMJ Falconry visited us with some real owls that we even got to see fly around the school hall! We spent some time learning about Autumn and used Autumn treasures that we found in the school grounds, to help us with our pattern work in maths. Autumn 2 has been packed with special events! We've had the Halloween Disco, Remembrance Day, Inter Faith Week and lots of Christmas fun! Our key text was the 'Jolly Postman' and our prior knowledge of traditional tales helped us to understand the letters and their purpose. We enriched our learning by writing lists of ingredients and following a recipe to make gingerbread. They were delicious! Reception have made huge progress in their phonics and are even blending sounds to read cvc words! We have loved making Christmas cards for our loved ones and have worked extremely hard when practicing and performing our Christmas Show 'The Big Little Nativity'. We hope you enjoyed it and we would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas!



ROBINS

Robins have worked incredibly hard this term and have made a fantastic start to the academic year. They have explored a wide range of writing and stories, and particularly enjoyed creating a set of instructions on How to Be a Naughty Bus—they came up with lots of inventive ways for the bus to cause mischief!

In Maths, the children have been enjoying our new scheme of work, using a variety of manipulatives and representations to help them become more secure and confident with their numbers.

In Geography, they went on a walk to explore the local area and then created detailed maps of their journey. In Science, the children learned about living things and their habitats, and loved discovering the different microhabitats around the school grounds.

In History, we explored transport from the past and present, and the children shared some wonderful ideas about what transport might look like in the future.

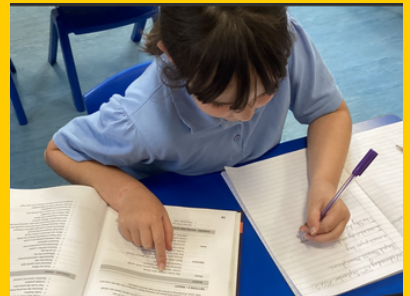
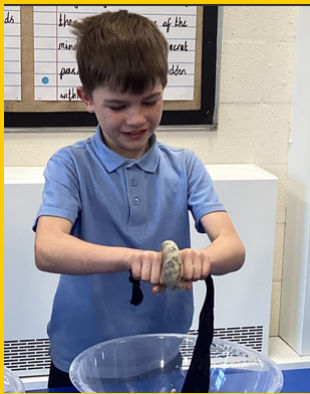


KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have had a fantastic Autumn term at Peel Brow, and lots of fun learning has taken place. In Writing, the children have produced stories, letters, non-chronological reports, instructions and a persuasive leaflet. These wonderful pieces of work have been linked to our wider curriculum topics of 'Our Local Area' in Geography and 'Ancient Egypt' in History, with the children writing in a variety of genres based on books such as *The Night Gardener*, *My Heart is a Poem*, *The Egyptians* and *The Egyptian Cinderella*. They've really let their imaginations flow!

The hard work has continued in Maths, with different methods of adding, subtracting and bridging across hundreds boundaries being explored. Ancient Egypt has been a particularly popular topic, as the children have been fascinated by Tutankhamun's tomb and the Great Pyramid. Likewise, the Digestive System has been a favourite topic in Science—especially when we all got very messy (and a bit stinky!) making a real-life digestive system out of mashed-up food and tights.

I am very proud of the effort the children have put in this term. They have tackled every subject with enthusiasm and a determination to do well. Presentation in books has improved and reflects the pride the children are taking in their work. Well done, Kingfishers



FALCONS

Falcons Class have had a fantastic autumn term at Peel Brow, filled with exciting learning and memorable experiences. In English, the children have produced a range of high-quality written work, including a persuasive letter to Andy Burnham, a newspaper article focussed on the battle at Lindisfarne, an explanation text on Light and a synopsis for 'The Viking Boy'. These impressive pieces have been carefully linked to our wider curriculum topics such as 'Light' in Science and 'The Vikings' in History. The children have used their imagination and allowed their ideas to flow creatively.

In Maths, the children have worked extremely hard and shown great resilience. They have focussed on adding and subtracting numbers of up to seven digits, as well as multiplying and dividing powers of 10.

We have especially enjoyed learning about The Vikings this term, with our Viking Day being a real success. The children explored a range of artefacts, participated in role-play activities and even took part in a Viking battle, bringing their historical learning to life.

Overall, the children have achieved a great deal this term and have shown commitment across all areas of the curriculum. I have also noticed a significant improvement in the presentation of their work, particularly during English Big Writes, which has been wonderful to see. Well done, Falcons!



THE HIVE

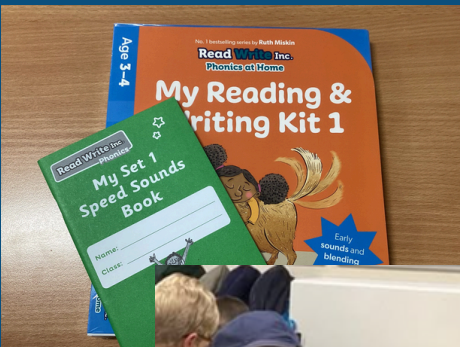
What a wonderful half term we have had in 'The Hive!' Our learning has taken us on a journey around the world as we explored the celebrations of Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah, and Christmas. The children have absolutely loved diving into our colourful sensory tuff trays, discovering new textures, scents and sights linked to each celebration. A big thank-you to our amazing families for preparing traditional dishes for us to try. Tasting the foods from each celebration made the experience even more exciting!

We also learned all about fire safety during Bonfire Night, with lots of sensory exploration activities that kept the children fully engaged and enthusiastic. In maths, we have been busy counting and exploring measurement, using words like big, small, short, long, full, and empty as we played and investigated together. It has truly been a fun-filled, joyful term, and we can't wait to continue the adventure in 2026!



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

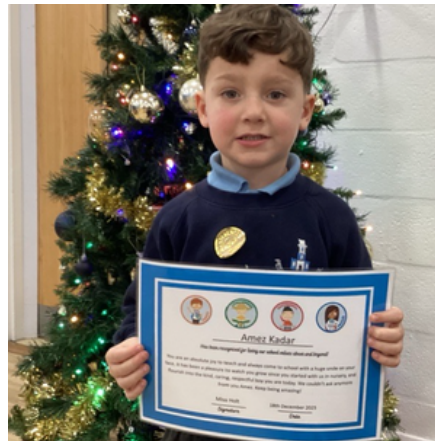
We would like to take a moment to thank all our parents and carers for your continued engagement and support. Your involvement in school life makes a real difference to your children's learning and confidence, and it has been wonderful to see so many of you attend our workshops, "come and see" sessions, Christmas crafts, and festive performances. These shared experiences help strengthen the partnership between home and school, creating a positive and supportive environment for every child. We truly appreciate the time and enthusiasm you bring, and we look forward to welcoming you to many more events and opportunities for engagement next term.



LIVING OUR VALUES: ABOVE AND BEYOND

At our school, we consistently uphold our values every day. Our staff serve as excellent role models, guiding our children to be successful, challenged, happy, and proud. In recognition of this, we award 'Value Merits' in the classroom to children who demonstrate one or more of our values. Additionally, during our weekly Values assembly, teachers present certificates to two students who have particularly excelled that week.

This week, Mrs. Mort hosted a special Headteacher's Award ceremony, where one student from each class was honored with a badge, certificate, and chocolate treat for going "Above and Beyond" in living our values. While many students could have been selected, we were thrilled to celebrate our first winners in front of their families on Thursday. Congratulations to all for your hard work this term!



PEEL BROW'S FOREST SCHOOL

This term, some of our children have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in our first year of 'Forest School'. In this inspiring environment, they engage in hands-on learning, gaining new skills while being immersed in the natural world.

Through free play, they unleash their creativity and imagination, crafting stories from the rustling leaves and the sunlight dancing through the trees. These experiences not only teach practical skills but also foster a deeper connection and respect for the environment.

Each Thursday, come rain or shine, the children eagerly embrace the outdoors, with their laughter and excitement. We are fortunate to have Lisa McBride guiding the children each week, supporting them in forming a meaningful bond with nature at The Orchard.



AUTUMN TERM: SPORTING EVENTS

We are incredibly proud of all the children who participated and represented our school with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Their dedication and hard work are a testament to their commitment to achieving their personal best, and we celebrate every achievement, big or small. The school is proud of each child who took part and gave their all in these events.

Team Peel Brow!



AUTUMN TERM: SPECIAL GUEST

The Autumn term saw a very special visitor to Peel Brow. The Mayor of Bury was welcomed by our Duckling children to officially open their purpose built outdoor area.

The new outdoor learning environment has been a huge hit with the children and they continue to thrive in their learning!



HOW HAVE WE ENRICHED OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM?

Walk in our local area



Visit from our school nurse



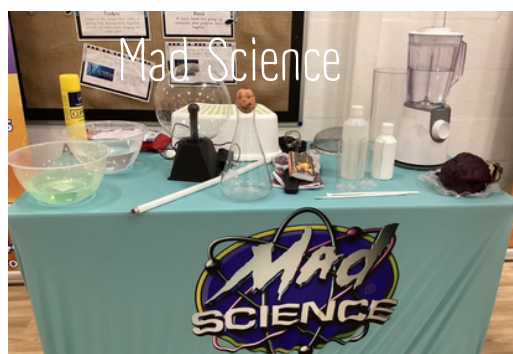
Owl Visit



Library opening



Cooking Club



Mad Science



Reindeer Run



Games Club



25-26 Calendar Spring Term



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th January - School opens

Wednesday 7th - 9th January - Robinwood Trip

Tuesday 20th January - Carbon Monoxide Workshop Falcons & Robins

Wednesday 4th February - SEND Coffee & Catch Up

Thursday 12th February - School Disco 4pm-5.15pm £2 entry

Friday 13th February - Last day before school closes for half term

Monday 23rd February - School Re-Opens

Monday 2nd March - Falcons Bikeability

Wednesday 4th March - Class Photographs

Monday 9th March - Science Week

Wednesday 18th March - Falcons Crucial Crew Visit

Wednesday 18th March KS2 Parent and Carer's Evening - a letter will be sent out to book a slot to meet with your child's teacher

Friday 20th March Non-uniform day - bring in an Easter Egg or chocolate treat in exchange for wearing your own clothes

Wednesday 1st April - Easter Bingo. Keep your eyes peeled for ticket sales.

Thursday 2nd April - Living Our Values Above and Beyond assembly - parents of this term's value winners to be invited.

Thursday April 2nd - Last day - School Closes for Easter Holidays