

# Petersgate News

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## COVID-19

Even though the school is only open to some pupils it is still vitally important that you all keep us up to date with any symptoms/tests results in your household.

Please could we remind all parents/guardians that if anyone in your household develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms that the whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms must be tested.

We ask that you keep us updated through the process via the [adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk) email address.

We also need to know if a pupil is required to self-isolate due to track and trace/close contact with a positive case.

Over the past few weeks we have received so many positive comments from parents.



Did you know that you can upload your comments via Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

This is completely anonymous and it would be good for prospective parents for the next academic year to see your views on our school.

Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, suggested that parents should contact Ofsted if, after talking with schools, they were not happy with remote learning... over 5,000 parents then contacted Ofsted to tell them how wonderful their schools were!

If you would like to share your positive comments more publicly, we would welcome you doing so!

Thank you in advance!

# DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AT PETERSGATE

Our Design and Technology curriculum at Petersgate aims for our children to be motivated and excited to explore different tools and techniques to create unique, purposeful and functional products, related to other subjects.

**In Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1), the children learn to:**

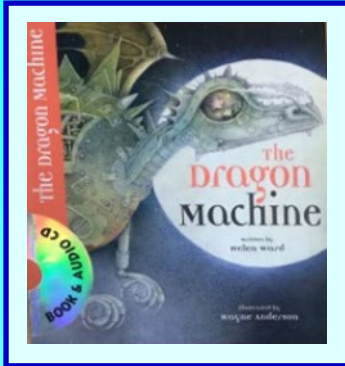
- design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria
- communicate their ideas - talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and information and communication technology
- use a range of tools, materials and components - construction materials, textiles and ingredients
- explore and evaluate a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria
- build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable
- explore and use mechanisms (e.g. levers, sliders, wheels and axles), in their products

**In Early Years, our Music learning is covered in our 'Expressive Arts and Design' area of learning where the children learn to:**

- understand that different media can be combined to create new effects
- manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect
- construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources
- use simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately
- select appropriate resources and adapt work where necessary
- selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using

## Let's look at an example of DT in action at Petersgate School!

Earlier this year, Year 2 got busy designing and making their very own 'dragon machines' based on their 'Dragons' topic and the story, 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children explored different wheels and axles: fixed and rotating, practised their measuring, sawing and joining skills, used their art printing skills for finishing and co-operated well with others to produce some amazing creations!



**CARLY HUTCHINSON  
CLOWNFISH CLASS TEACHER AND  
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SUBJECT LEADER**

## Apply for a School Place— Closing Date—Friday 15th January

The closing date to apply for Early Years and Year 3 place for September 2021 is tomorrow, **Friday 15th January 2021.**

Please apply for a place online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

**New Early Years**—Due to the current situation and with social distancing we are unable to undertake tours. Please see our website for a virtual tour using this link [www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/](http://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/).

If you would like to speak to a member of the Admissions Team, please contact Hampshire County Council on 0300 555 1317.

*A message from:*

# **Skoolkit**

*Following the latest announcement from the government, we want to explain how we are operating during the national lockdown.*

*Unfortunately, our six retail stores remain closed following Government advice. However, all other aspects of the business remain open and fully operational. Production is still running to ensure we give our customers the best possible service and put us in a strong stock position for this years back to school period. Parents can still place orders online and these will continue to be despatched to their home address.*

*In line with the current Government guidance many of our office based colleagues will now work from home so please contact us via [enquiries@skoolkit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@skoolkit.co.uk) email address if there is anything you would like to discuss and we will be happy to help.*

# Free Links for Home Learning

## Reading and English links

Storyline Online	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/storylineonline">https://www.youtube.com/user/storylineonline</a>
Michael Rosen	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/artificedesign/videos">https://www.youtube.com/user/artificedesign/videos</a>
Oxford Owl	<a href="https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/">https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/</a>
David Walliams	<a href="https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/">https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/</a>
The Literacy Shed	<a href="https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources">https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources</a>
Julia Donaldson	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=julia+donaldson+stories">https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=julia+donaldson+stories</a>

## Phonics

Epic Phonics	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/teachinguk">https://www.youtube.com/user/teachinguk</a>
Phonics Play username: jan21 Password: home	<a href="https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/">https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/</a>
Reading Eggs	<a href="https://readingeggs.co.uk/">https://readingeggs.co.uk/</a>
BBC Bitesize	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm</a>
Phonics Bloom	<a href="https://www.phonicsbloom.com/">https://www.phonicsbloom.com/</a>

## Additional Lessons

Oak National Academy	<a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/">https://classroom.thenational.academy/</a>
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## Educational Games

Phonics Play username: jan21	<a href="https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/">https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/</a>
Education City (ask your teacher for your login)	<a href="https://www.educationcity.com/">https://www.educationcity.com/</a>
BBC Bitesize	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary</a>

## Let's Get Moving

BBC Supermovers	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers</a>
GoNoodle	<a href="https://www.gonoodle.com/">https://www.gonoodle.com/</a>
Music & Movement	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g64pk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g64pk</a>
Joe Wicks	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ</a>
Cosmic Kids Yoga	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga">https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga</a>
The Great Indoors	<a href="https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-outdoors/">https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-outdoors/</a>

## Print Outs and Activities

Twinkl	<a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents</a>
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