**East Bridgford St. Peter’s Academy – Year 2 Weekly Newsletter**

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| Teachers: LW & LF | Homework Subject: Time | Date: 09/12/2016 |

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| Dear Parent(s),  In literacy, this week we have been focusing on a Christmas theme. The stimulus has been on this year’s John Lewis Christmas advert. If you’ve somehow managed to miss it then you can watch it via their website. The children have answered questions about the advert using high order thinking skills to justify their reasons. They had a choice of fifteen questions to answer about the advert e.g. How was dad feeling, how do you know? What are the similarities between all the animals? They needed to use references to the advert to justify their answers. We have also used the 360 degrees video to imagine and retell what happened on the trampoline and used prepositions (over, under, beyond, next to) to describe. Using the tablets really inspired our writing and it was great fun. In maths, we have been learning about time. We have focused on quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour. We thought this followed well from the children’s work on fractions. We explained that the clock face can be split in ‘half’ and ‘quarters’ and this helps us to tell when the time is quarter past, half past and quarter to. Time can be a very tricky concept so instead of a formal **homework**, we thought it would be valuable if you spent some time with your child telling the time on a house clock or watch focusing on quarter past, quarter to and introducing 5/10 minute intervals e.g. Twenty past 1 is the same as 1:20 (12 hour clock only at the moment). We don’t expect anything to be handed in for this.  This week it was Ben’s family box. Ben spoke confidently about photos that he brought in of his family and times that they have enjoyed, including times at Warwick Castle, a holiday in Norfolk and ice skating. He even brought in a book from Warwick Castle that tells you the history behind it and how special it is. Ben is very creative and brought in a Lego dragon that he made. Ben was very proud of all his items and spoke confidently as he discussed them all. **We have Family Box time every Friday afternoon**, next week it is Jack’s family box. Please could we ask that in the box **you also include a carrier bag** so that items can be returned home safely.  Next week in class we are going to be focusing our time on Christmas activities. We are very proud of how well the children have worked this term and we are all very much looking forward to spending time as a class together doing fun and exciting activities.  **Save the Snowman**  These are our clues so far. Please feel free to discuss and research where you think the snowmen might be hidden.  1. We are far away from Lapland.  2. We can see water.  3. The warm weather would melt us if we went outside.  4. We can see high mountains in the distance.  5. We saw the name of the country we are in but we didn’t have time to read it. There was a letter a in it somewhere though!  6. The people here speak a different language to what we hear at home.  7. They do grow carrots in this country – so we have been told – if we need new noses we will be ok!  8. Picture clue :antelope  9. We saw the flag on a letter. It has red in it.  10. There are a lot of people living in this country.  11. Picture clue: lemon tree  Below is an outline of some of the Non core topics that we will be covering in Spring term:  History: The Great Fire of London (focus on significant people and parliament)  Geography: Atlas Skills (UK cities/towns)  Science: Characteristics of Materials  As always we will keep you regularly updated on the learning taking place in Literacy and Numeracy on a weekly basis.  **Optional Homework Competition**  \*\*\*John Lewis Christmas Competition\*\*\*  Using inspiration from the John Lewis Buster the Boxer Christmas advert and our work in class, John Lewis invite pupils aged 3-11 to create a collage, drawing or digital image of their dream pet and email it to skillsforlife@johnlewis.co.uk  Every entry received will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 30 hedgehog plush toys.  Entries will be accepted until 5.00pm Tuesday 13 December. For full prize draw details, including the Terms and Conditions visit www.johnlewis.com/skillstolife/christmas  **Dates to note:**   * Indoor PE every Friday – finished now until January. (Please feel free to collect PE bags from pegs and the classroom). * Outdoor PE every Tuesday – finished until January. * Monday 12th Christmas Dinner Day * Wednesday 14th – Panto at 10am * Thursday 15th – KS1 Party in the afternoon (children can come dressed in their party clothes in the morning) * Friday 16th – Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term!   Many thanks,  Miss. Wright and Miss. Fisher. |
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