

## East Bridgford, St. Peter's C of E Academy - Birch Class Newsletter



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## Hello everyone!

We've had a busy few weeks settling back into school after the Easter holidays, with lots of learning going on in Birch Class. We had a reflective time on Thursday celebrating VE day and learning all about what happened in Britain, 80 years ago.

Our new overarching topic in History: Ancient Civilisations, where we will be learning about the Indus Valley, Ancient Sumer, and the Ancient Egyptians.

Here's what we have been up to this week:

#### Maths:

We have finished off our fractions unit, learning how to find unit and non-unit fractions of a set of objects – a real challenge but great perseverance on a tricky topic Year 3. We have started our new unit on Money. Recapping pounds and pence, then progressing onto converting pounds to pence (and pence to pounds). Next week, we are going to be learning how to add and subtract money and find change. This week's homework will help consolidate everything we have covered so far.

### English:

We have continued our new Talk for Writing unit on **Portal Stories**. We have focused on descriptive writing of people and places, using similes, alliteration, personification and expanded noun phrases in our writing.

#### Science:

Our new unit is **Electrical Circuits and Conductors**. We have learnt how to make and fix series circuits, using batteries, lightbulbs, wires, buzzers and switches. We explored which materials are conductive and non-conductive by experimenting with various materials in a circuit and seeing if electricity passed through and made the bulb light up.

#### Art:

In Art this week, we explored **Islamic patterns** with a focus on the 'star'. We used stars templates to create an Islamic art pattern.



### PE:

In PE the past few weeks we have been doing Athletics. We have focused so far on the sprinting running technique and throwing. We are enjoying the warmer weather and being outdoors, up on the field to do this.

### Homework:

### Maths:

Homework this week for Maths is on Purple Mash, recapping our learning this week of Money. Not all tasks have to be completed, children can choose one or all to do by next Friday (16<sup>th</sup>).

### Reading:

It is great to see reading done at home. Remember to sign the reads either in the reading section at the front of your child's diary or within the week, the aim is for children to have at least 3 reads per week. For children to gain 'points' towards their bronze, silver, gold and platinum bookmarks, all reading must be signed by an adult by the Friday of each week.

# Spelling:

I have given out a list of spelling words for this week for children to learn, taken from the statutory spelling list. If you could have a look at these to learn over the next two weeks so children are confident in spelling them.

There is also a suffix homework sheet to be completed, consolidating our learning this week on words ending in the -ly suffix.

Key dates for your diaries are available on the Headteacher Newsletter and the weekly newsletter at a glance: Weekly Newsletters 2023/2024 | St. Peter's C of E Academy (eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk)

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Thank you. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine! 😊

Miss Waghorn.