



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



Teacher: Miss Waghorn	Date: 21.03.25
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Hello! It was so lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening and have the chance to share your children's progress and achievements so far this year. I hope you enjoyed looking at their work and seeing everything we've been up to this term!

This week has been another busy and exciting one in our learning.

Geography: We explored the importance of soil and its properties. The children took samples from around the school and observed them in water overnight to see the different layers and materials. We also learned the word humus, which refers to decaying plant and animal matter found in soil. Some of the children were fascinated to discover worms and roots in their samples!

Science: We learned about the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. We also explored the five classifications of vertebrate animals—fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals and learnt the characteristics of each one.

Maths: Our focus has been on mass and capacity. This week, we worked on reading scales and measuring weight in kilograms and grams. Next week, we'll move on to measuring capacity and volume using litres and millilitres.

English: The children have been busy working on their 'hot write'—an explanation text about how to plan a party. They have been focusing on how to write chronologically using time connectives and cause and effect conjunctions.

Art: We have been exploring animals in art. We have done a drawing masterclass using shapes to guide our drawings of different animals. We have also looked at patterns and textures, using different materials to create artwork inspired by animal patterns.

RE: As we approach Easter, we have been learning about Good Friday and reflecting on the idea of sacrifice. We discussed why it is called 'Good' Friday, despite being the day that Jesus died on the cross.

Homework

*Birch Class Homework from last week is due in on **Wednesday 2nd April** all about 'Our Changing Environment' (please see class page for more information on this)*

As always, any practice (little and often) of the 3x, 4x and 8x table is great. We're enjoying playing Hit the Button (online game) and Purple Mash games: Monster multiplication, Multiplication Tables Check and Funky platform. I have now set these, and others as continuous 2 Do's on Purple Mash so children can access them at anytime.

Maths homework this week is a consolidation of the learning so far in our Mass and Capacity topic. This focuses on measuring and comparing mass in kilograms and grams.

Due in: Friday 28th March

Spelling: (no spellings this week)

Now we are in the Spring term, spellings will be given **once every two weeks**, meaning children will have two weeks to learn the spellings. In class, we will be focusing on revisiting these spellings, alongside No nonsense spellings we teach in school, to ensure that children are constantly revisiting and remembering.

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 wonderful weekend.

Miss Waghorn.