

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



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Hello everyone!

I can't believe we have already made it to the end of our first half of our Summer term. It has gone by so quickly, we have enjoyed learning about our new topic of Ancient Civilisations and look forward to our workshop on Ancient Egyptians in the second half of the Summer term. This week, we also enjoyed the maths workshop to challenge our thinking and problem solving skills, to celebrate National Numeracy week.

Here's what we have been up:

Maths: In Maths, we have come to the end of our unit on Money. We have learnt the value of pounds and pence, converted pounds to pence (and pence to pounds) add and subtracting money and finding change. This week we have started our new topic of Time. We have learnt how to read Roman numerals, both as numbers and time, learnt how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and 1 minute and how to read both a digital and analogue clock. Any practice of this, little and often, will be of great value. We have enjoyed using the teaching clock for quick practice and recall, of telling the time in analogue. If you would like to try at home, here is the website link: <u>https://www.top-</u> <u>marks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock</u>

English: We have written our **Portal Stories**. We have focused on descriptive writing of people and places, using similes, alliteration, personification and expanded noun phrases in our writing. The children have worked so hard on these and have really shown progress in their writing – well done Year 3.

Science: We have continued our topic of **Electrical Circuits and Conductors**. Last week, we made and tested our own homemade switches, using aluminium foil, cardboard, split pins, pegs and paper clips - they were a success and we enjoyed observing how the homemade switches worked! This week, we explored plugs and the different parts that make a plug work.

Computing: In Computing, we have been using the software 'Busy Beats' on Purple Mash to make our own music, thinking about the rhythm, pulse, instruments and beats in our music. We had a lot of fun showcasing our tunes!

History: In our Ancient Civilisation topic this week we learnt about the Ancient Sumerians and the world's first city of Uruk.

PE Reminder: PE for the remainder of the year will be on Tuesday afternoon (indoors) and Friday (outdoors).

<u>Homework:</u> There will be no homework over the half term break, other than regular reading and spellings to be tested on for the first week back.

<u>Reading:</u>

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.

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

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Thank you. I hope you all have a lovely half term - fingers crossed for sunshine! Relax and enjoy 🤓

Miss Waghorn.