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## **Hello everyone!**

Welcome to the summer term - how have we got here already! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have come back refreshed, enthusiastic, and ready for another exciting term at school. It's been lovely to enjoy the warmer weather together, and we are all looking forward to the busy and exciting weeks ahead.

We have started our new overarching topic in History: **Ancient Civilisations**, where we will be learning about the **Indus Valley**, **Ancient Sumer**, and the **Ancient Egyptians**. The children are already showing great curiosity about life long ago!

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

### **Maths:**

We have begun the second part of our Fractions unit. We have been learning how to add and subtract fractions, as well as understanding the concept of a whole. This week's homework will help consolidate everything we have covered so far.

### **English:**

We have started our new Talk for Writing unit on **Portal Stories**. We discussed the question: "*If you could go through a portal to anywhere, where would you go and why?*" The children produced some fantastic, imaginative writing about their dream destinations!

### **Science:**

Our new unit is **Electrical Circuits and Conductors**. We started by identifying items powered by electricity and discussed the two types of electrical power: mains and batteries. The children then had lots of fun using circuit equipment to build simple circuits. We experimented with the number of batteries and wires and observed how it affected the brightness of the lightbulb - brilliant investigative science skills.

### **Computing:**

We began learning how to make music using 'Busy Beats' and wrote a Music Review on

Purple Mash (More updates on this to come as the children develop their digital music skills!)

### **Art:**

In Art this week, we explored **Islamic patterns** and the beautiful use of geometric design. The children used 2D shapes to create their own geometric tiles and tessellating patterns, experimenting with colour, shape, and repetition.

### Homework:

#### Maths:

Adding and subtracting Fractions worksheet. To be completed and returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### 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.

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)

<https://www.eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

Thank you. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Waghorn.