

★ Newsletter ★

10th February 2023

Learning Spotlight

In our topic bright lights and the big city, the children now have learnt about the Great Fire of London. We were amazed with how interested the children were in this topic. The children have been sharing their favourite facts and have completed different activities to review their understanding.

In art we have been further continuing our topic of learning – Rain and sunrises. After the children explored different textures, they used these to make collagraphs. This fortnight we have been focussing on making a printed collagraph, but thinking about how we move our materials to form different weather patterns. We have used a variety of materials including tin foil and hessian.

During the past fortnight we have continued our science topic of seasonal changes. The children have been learning about day length, sun safety, different seasons and the weather.

Family Box

We have enjoyed learning about Mia's life:

- Mia plays football for Bingham Town; she plays matches on Saturdays.
- Mia supports the Panthers Ice Hockey team, and she sometimes goes to watch with her family.
- Mia has a little sister and shared photos of her caravan where they go on holiday.
- She shared her bedtime owl she sleeps with at night, named Rosa.
- Mia enjoys going on walks with her mummy, daddy, and sister – she likes to collect things such as pinecones.
- Mia's favourite books are based on the characters Pip and Posy.
- Mia enjoys taking photos using her Granny's camera.
- Mia enjoys cereal bars because they are crunchy and delicious, she also likes oranges too.
- Mia shared her family tree including her sister and new sister or brother to be!

We also heard about 's Olivia's life:

- Olivia shared her family tree including her dogs called Diesel and Blue.
- Olivia is now in stage 2 for swimming and attends swimming each week.
- Olivia shared her favourite book called Clip, Clop.
- Olivia goes to ballet each week with some children from our class.
- She enjoys going to the beach with all her family, she shared a shell she had found.
- Olivia is expecting a baby brother or sister in July.
- She also has a pony called Skippy, she loves to ride him and shared some rosettes she has won.

Thank you for sharing Mia and Olivia!

Maths

In Maths we have been looking at addition using our number bonds, adding on in ones, doubling numbers and subtracting within our topic of addition and subtraction. We have been impressed with the children's number bond knowledge and how they have applied this to their addition and subtraction sums. We have learnt different techniques and we have been able to complete both practical and written maths activities.

To consolidate learning we completed a short end of unit check ensuring all areas of the addition and subtraction unit was fully understood. Mrs Lewis and Miss Horsfield are very happy with their understanding. After half term we will be moving on, looking at Place value within 50.

English

In English we have been learning more about the Great Fire of London. Here the children have been busy learning how the fire started, how buildings have now changed because of the fire and how and why our fire service was introduced. We all made information leaflets with our findings and these were so impressive the whole class shared these in achievement assembly. We also have looked at key eyewitnesses from the Great Fire of London and have written our own diary entries in the perspective of Samuel Pepys.

Next term we will be carrying on our Bright lights in the Big city topic and we will be reading and producing work surrounding the book Paddington at the Palace.

Home Learning

The children's weekly reading and spelling list have now been sent home and out on our class page on our website. Thank you to everyone who has been busy practicing writing and reading these words. On our class page we have uploaded resources related to Little Wandle including the sounds they are focusing on, the spellings we are looking at and sentences they are reading. It is broken down into weeks.

<https://www.eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk/phonics/>

Homework books:

Just a reminder this is a completely optional task, but if you do want to share any of your work, please bring your homework books in on a **Friday** where Miss Horsfield will be able to offer some verbal feedback.

DT next term:

Next term in Design and Technology we will be making a London taxi. The children will be working in pairs to create a London taxi with fully working axles and wheels. We have a small supply of boxes which will be perfect for a car chassis, however if you happen to have any spare **small** boxes or mini cereal boxes that you have finished with, we would be grateful if you could send these into school with the children on **Wednesday 22nd of February**.

Mrs Lewis and Miss Horsfield hope you have a lovely, well-rested half term. We look forward to seeing you all after the break!

Additional Information

- P.E. days will be Tuesday and Friday this half term and the children will need appropriate outdoor kit as the weather turns colder. **Please make sure all items are labelled!**
- Please try and read 3 x a week with your child.
- Please remember to send all queries to parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible
- Newsletters will be uploaded fortnightly.
- Monday 20th February – in school Great Fire of London Partake drama workshop.
- Wednesday 29th March – Year 1 nature trip at Beaumanor Hall