

# ★ Newsletter ★

13th January 2023

## Learning Spotlight

We have had a great start to 2023. Mrs Lewis and Miss Horsfield were so excited to hear everything about the children's holiday and what they got up to.

To start 2023, we have started our new topics of learning. Our main topic is called Bright lights and the big city, which teaches the children about the physical and human characteristics of the UK, including features of the capital city London. Our science topic is called Seasonal changes, focussing on the weather and observing changes over time. In art we are focussing on rain and sunrays which teaches children about how to develop a motif to make simple and repeated patterns.

## Family Box

We have enjoyed learning about Isla's life:

- Isla shared photos of her and her twin brother Mason when they were both babies, including grandparents holding them. She also shared photos of her younger brother, Albie.
- Isla shared her family tree including which includes her grandparents, aunts and uncles plus her cousins.
- She enjoys swimming, ballet and tap out of school. Isla shared certificates and a costume she wore for a dance show.
- Isla loves strawberries because they are juicy!

We also heard about Lily's life:

- We learnt that Lily's dad is a police officer and she showed us some of his uniform – even his police hat!
- She shared that she does gymnastics, swimming and ballet outside of school
- Her mummy used to work on a cruise ship
- Her favourite time of the year is Halloween
- She loves Nutella and hot dogs
- She showed us a picture of her reading certificate she achieved after she completed the summer reading challenge at the library
- She also showed us lots of lovely photos she had put into an album with her mummy at home

## Maths

In Maths we have started our new topic of place value. So far, we have focused on counting to 100 and back again, with a challenge of starting at random numbers, understanding how many tens and ones are in a number, and how to make and show numbers in different formats/representations. Later in our topic of learning, we will be looking at numbers on a number line and ordering numbers. We have been very impressed with the children's work produced so far!

## English

In English we have been looking at the Picture book, Flotsam. We wrote our own version of the story based on our own interpretations of the pictures. After writing our own story, we read aloud our stories to the whole class.

We have also started our new book of Katie in London. We have completed some exciting activities surrounding our new book, including, drama role play, learning London landmarks, and a reading comprehension of the story. The children seem to be enjoying the story very much.

## 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/>

We also introduced homework books to the children after the holidays. This is a completely optional task, with no expectation or pressure to complete. It has been great to see however, lots of the children taking the initiative and want to do the activities available to them. We have already seen some brilliant landmark pictures and a great drawing of King Charles III. 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. The children are all starting the year off with such positive attitudes to their learning which is fantastic to see.

## 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](mailto:parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible
- Newsletters will be uploaded fortnightly
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 nature trip at Beaumanor Hall