

# ★ Newsletter ★

3rd March 2023

## Learning Spotlight

Continuing with our topic Bright lights and the Big city we have been further learning about our key city London. The children have become so knowledgeable about London, and they have been really interested in this topic which is great!

In art we have now finished our topic of Rain and sunrays and we have moved onto our Design and Technology topic of Taxi! Here the children will be designing, making and evaluating a taxi in small groups. We have already explored some key terms including wheels, chassis and axles. We can't wait to see the children's taxis take shape over the term.

Throughout our science topic of Seasonal change, we have been looking at what makes a good experiment. We had great fun creating windsocks last week, and this week we have been measuring temperature around the school using thermometers.

## Family Box

We have enjoyed learning about Olly's life:

- Olly showed us a dinosaur egg that opens – he had to guess what dinosaur was in the egg and he told us the dinosaurs name.
- He told us his favourite football player was Cristiano Ronaldo
- He supports Manchester United
- He showed us a recent football ticket he received when he went to the football ground.
- He showed us his Manchester United football shirt.
- He showed us his favourite toy called Godzilla.
- Olly's favourite book is a fact book all about dinosaurs.
- Olly showed us a picture of when he received player of the week in football
- He showed us some pictures of his family and his recent holiday to Wales.

We also heard about Orla's life:

- Orla shared her favourite teddy named Bibby, she has had this since a baby.
- Orla loves crafting and shared a dream catcher that she made with mummy.
- Orla enjoys reading and shared her favourite books: Matilda and The Worst Witch.
- Orla shared friendship bracelets given to her from Jacob and Isaac.
- Orla loves oranges because they are juicy!
- Orla has an allotment which grows fruits, as a family they have made a fruit crumble which included blackberries from the allotment. Yum!
- Orla attends East Bridgford Tennis Club at the weekends.
- Orla shared photographs of her family including her brother Jacob, mummy and daddy on holiday in Menorca.

Thank you for sharing Olly and Orla!

## Maths

In Maths we have been looking at Place value within 50. Here we have been using our addition and subtraction knowledge to help complete number lines to 50, make groups and count in tens, and estimate on number lines. The children have worked very hard in maths and have produced some fantastic take care work. They have also completed maths lessons with practical and concrete resources. This has enabled the children to work on their problem-solving skills within maths.

Once we have finished our place value within 50 unit of work, we will shortly be moving onto our next math topic of learning - Length and Height. Here the children will be using objects to measure heights, compare heights and understand the units for measuring heights.

## English

In English we have been learning more about London through the book of Paddington at the Palace. We have read the story and completed activities to check our understanding. Once our story was understood fully, we were able to alter the story, inventing our own version. Here the children created a new location that Paddington could visit. In doing so we have learnt lots of facts about some of the London landmarks including Tower Bridge, London Eye and Big Ben.

The children have also been creating persuasive posters exciting the reader to visit one of the London landmarks. They learnt to use imperative verbs to make their posters attract the reader's attention, along with their drawings.

## 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.

## 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.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' evening
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 nature trip at Beaumanor Hall