

★ Newsletter ★

14th July 2023

Learning Spotlight

Our last newsletter for year 1 – can you believe it! We have had a great past two weeks. We have been learning lots and doing some fun activities to celebrate and kick start the end of term. Mrs Lewis and Miss Horsfield have been super impressed with the children's behaviour as we near to the end of our time with the class. They have all been wonderful and have enjoyed lots of fulfilled activities.

Last Wednesday we were lucky enough to go to the bowls club in East Bridgford. The children were greeted by some of the members there and they had great fun learning how to play and get involved. We had great fun!

In science the children have been continuing their topic of animals. We explored the different groups animals are put into depending on their diet. For example, herbivore, omnivore and carnivores. The children had clues given to them to work out which animal food group the animal belonged to. We have also loved listening to the animal classification song – what a catchy song it is! The children have also completed their assessment for this unit of work, and we are both pleased with their progress the children have made in this topic.

In PE, the children have completed their racket and ball sessions. These have been super fun and the children are certainly getting better at balancing balls and their hand-eye coordination. On Fridays we have been lucky to play some super rounders games with Nick too. The children have loved rounders and have had a whole KS1 rounders game too. That was very exciting and fun!

During DT we have been continuing to explore what makes a healthy sandwich. We have designed a healthy sandwich and we have also designed a new flavour of crisp! We designed our flavour of crisp packet too. We also have used chalk and wax crayons to create a healthy plate of food. These turned out fantastic!

We also met the year 6's this week and did a shared reading session. We all were paired with a year 6 and we read stories together in the mindful playground. This started off our summer activity countdown, where we are doing a special activity a day until summer. Mrs Lewis and Miss Horsfield hope you have a fun-filled summer holiday! We hope you have a good rest and come back to school in September ready to be wonderful year 2's! We will certainly miss having you in our class, but we know especially now everyone has completed transition, that you will all have a wonderful time in year 2!

Maths

In maths we have finished our topic of money. The children learnt all about the different notes and coins and how to order money in their value. We were both happy with their maths assessment and the children did a great job! We have now moved onto the last topic of the year – time. Here the children are going to learn about daily routines (before and after), days of the week, months, hours, minutes and seconds. They will also learn how to tell the time to the hour and the half hour too. Over this year we have seen huge progress in the children's maths knowledge. Their confidence in numbers and understanding has certainly grown and they are ready to continue their maths journey in year 2.

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:

The new spelling list has also been uploaded onto our class page. Please encourage your child to read and learn the spellings each week. No formal test will be completed, but the spelling sounds are reviewed in phonics and English lessons.

End of term notes:

KS1 Board game morning:

Children can bring in a board game (no electrical games) on Wednesday 19th July for a KS1 games morning. Please ensure the game is labelled with the child's name and in a secure box / container to avoid anything getting lost.

Reading books:

Please could all school reading books be returned to school next week. Please continue to read at home with your child anything such as picture books, comics, chapter books, magazines or why not take a trip to your local library?

Reading recommendations:

This week we learnt about Samuel, Theo, and Viktor's reading recommendations:

Samuel showed the class a book called telling the time. This fit nicely with our new maths topic of time! The book taught us all about clocks, telling the time, digital clocks, hours, minutes, and seconds. The book also taught us about days, weeks, and months! Lots of information with a fun clock to play with at the end.

Viktor's recommended read was: The Gruffalo. He read the story with the teacher and spoke about his favourite parts of the story. He liked it when the mouse says "Oh!" when she sees the Gruffalo. The children loved hearing this book and asked lots of lovely questions!

Theo's recommended read was: 'The Dinosaur that pooped a planet'. Theo discussed how he has 4 books from the series and showed us the books which were featured on the blurb. Theo shared his favourite page because it says 'POO!' and he also liked the large sandwich that they end up forgetting. He also read parts of the blurb to us. Theo read the book confidently to the children and we all loved it!

Thank you for sharing all of you!

English

In English we have completed our topic of Goldilocks and the three bears. The children have all come up with their own verdict as to whether Goldilocks should be arrested or not. They wrote a letter to a police officer explaining their reasons for and against Goldilocks going to jail. We loved reading their letters and their final hot task of the year demonstrated to us both the progress all the children have made since they started year 1! We will be completing some fun English lessons next week to finish the year off with a bang!

Additional Information

- P.E. days will be Tuesday and Friday this half term and the children will need appropriate outdoor kit. **Please make sure all items are labelled!**
- If you have any spare pants (girls and boys) that are too small for your child, we are looking for donations to keep in school as spares across the Key stage.
- Please make sure sunscreen is applied to your child before the school day.
- 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.
- 17/7/23 1:30-4:30 Open afternoon
- 20/7/23 Race for life
- 21/07/23 Last day of term