

★ Newsletter ★

16th June 2023

Learning Spotlight

We have had a fantastic start back to school for our last half term of Year 1! Can you believe we only have 5 weeks left! Over these weeks we will be doing lots of fun-filled activities in our work.

In science we have kick started our animal topic with our animal experience from Lion Learners last week. The children had great fun learning all about amphibians, reptiles and many other types of animals. We were lucky to be able to hold and meet different animals, including frogs, snakes, lizards, rabbits, cockroaches, guinea pigs and a cockatiel bird. (Photos below)

In DT we have also started our chop, slice and mash topic. We have learnt where our food products come from (animal or plant based), and we have learnt a few techniques on how to prepare different foods (peel, tear, grate and mash). We will be exploring what makes a healthy sandwich and will be designing a new flavour crisp!

In PE we are continuing our ball and racket skills and will be doing athletics on Fridays with Nick.

We would also like to say well done to the children as they all completed their phonics screening check. We were very proud of them all and we even had a celebratory ice lolly on Friday as a special treat!

Reading recommendations:

This week we learnt about Isla, Maisy, and Matilda's reading recommendations:

Isla's recommended read was called 'You Choose', she explained that it is about choosing your favourite things from the pages. The children loved the book and all the lovely illustrations of the different objects and items they could choose. The children enjoyed choosing the different types of foods, they could choose from including ice cream, jelly, cake, and fruits.

Maisy's recommended read: Owl Babies, she said she likes the book because it is about nature, and it involves God's beautiful creatures. Maisy read the book to the class so beautifully. She changed her tone for each character and was super confident. The children enjoyed listening and asked lovely questions.

Matilda's recommended read: 'When I grow up', she likes this book because she likes to think about what she might like when she grows up. Matilda read the book and shared the pictures to the class confidently. We noticed it sounded like the song from Matilda the Musical, we read the blurb and learned that it is the same! We listened to song and had a lovely sing along.

Thank you for sharing all of you!

Maths

In maths this half term we will be focusing on

- Position and direction
- Place value within 100
- Money
- Time

We have already started our position and direction topic and the children have learnt their left and rights. We have also explored forwards, backwards, behind, in front, under and above.

English

In English we have started our new text of Goldilocks and the three bears. Here the children have created a story map of the story. The children have also thought about what a perfect bed, chair and bowl of porridge would look like for Goldilocks and adding speech to our writing in the perspective of Goldilocks.

We have also played a variety of English games to help with our understanding and learning. For example, we have played a vocabulary game and hot seating games where we pretended to be different characters in the story.

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.eastbridfordstpeters.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.

Kids Guinness World Record:

If you are up for a challenge too, as a school we are participating in the kids Guinness World Records. If your child would like to have a look through the website and try one of the challenges, please take part and let us know how you do. Those that complete the challenges will be able to share their challenge with the class and maybe the whole school in achievement assembly. Those who also manage to complete a challenge will receive a certificate. Are you up for the challenge?

<https://kids.guinnessworldrecords.com/records/>

Pet picture:

As part of our animal topic, we require the children to bring a picture of their pet in. If your child does not have a pet, they can bring a picture of their favourite household animal. We will be using these in our science topic of animals. Children can start to bring these in and leave them in their tray. The deadline for bringing the photo (only one needed) will be the **29th of June 2023**. We will be using them on this day in science.

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!**
- If you have any spare parts (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.
- 28/06/23 – Sports Day
- 29/06/23 PTFA BBQ
- 30/6/23 Inset day (school closed)
- 20/7/23 Race for life
- 21/07/23 Last day of term

Some pictures from our animal experience:

