

# ★ Newsletter ★

26th May 2023

## Learning Spotlight

Can you believe we are already at the end of the half term! What a fun filled, exciting half term we have had. We have learnt lots this term and the children have all shown huge improvements to their learning. We are noticing those 'Take Care' attitudes and we are definitely spotting children trying hard. We loved your 'plants and flowers' homework, and a picture of these are at the bottom of the newsletter.

In science we learnt all about plants, including the plant parts, leaf parts, seasonal changes to plants and we even planted our own tomato plants! We have loved watching these grow and we hope the children continue to take care of these at home!

In art we have completed our street view topic, and learnt about James Rizzi. The children completed their own 3D mural in the style of James Rizzi, and these are displayed in our classroom.

During RE, we have focussed on forgiveness and stories from the Bible, linking these to our classroom setting.

In PE we have focussed in on our racket skills, controlling our tennis balls and balancing our balls on our rackets to improve our hand-eye coordination.

Next half term our topics will be:

- Science – animal parts
- DT – chop, slice and mash
- History and geography – continuation of school days

## Reading recommendations:

This week we learnt about Gabby, George, Isabella, and Isabelle's reading recommendations:

Gabby showcased her own story book called Gabriella and the Giant Rainbow – she had written a beginning, middle and end – she even included speech! We loved this story Gabby, well done. Gabby's favourite 'Daisy and the trouble with zoos', she said she loves this book as the characters are funny. We read a chapter of the book; Gabby also answered questions about the book from the children.

George showed us a book all about tractors. He showed us his favourite page in the book, and it was all about a sea tractor. The sea tractor works hard at the beach pulling out the lifeboats that have been out to sea. The book had lots of facts in about different tractors, and we enjoyed looking at all the tractors, old and new. He also told us about the tractors his daddy drives on his farm.

'Oi Duck-Billed Platypus' – Isabella gave a fantastic overview of the story referring to phrases from the pages. It was a rhyming story with lots of funny parts, the children loved it. Isabella read the story confidently aloud to the class. We loved her expression when she read it – well done Isabella.

'Boogie Bear' – Isabelle likes the book because it is funny and makes her laugh. Isabelle also created a drawing based on the book including two bears. Isabelle had three favourite pages, she liked that the bear got so muddy and when the polar bear tries honey and brown bear tries walrus and pretends to love. Thank you reading and sharing Isabelle!

Thank you for sharing all of you!

## Maths

In maths this half term we focused on the topic's multiplication, division, and fractions. Here the children learnt to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s, recognise and find halves and quarters, make doubles, and recognise and find quarters of quantities or an amount. Next half term our topics will be:

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

## English

In English we have focused on two different types of text – a descriptive text and an information text. We have learnt how to correctly use adjectives, connectives, and being descriptive whilst remembering to add as much detail of the story plot as possible. In our information text we have focused on using subheadings, bullet points and organizing an information text using text boxes.

Next half term we will be focusing on the story Goldilocks and the three bears. Within this we will be looking at dialog and inventing our own version of the model 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/>

## 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 you 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@stpeters.notts.sch.uk](mailto:parentcorrespondence@stpeters.notts.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible
- Newsletters will be uploaded fortnightly.
- 24/05/23 – Whole School Photo & Class Photos
- 8/06/23 – In school animal experience
- 28/06/23 – Sports Day



Some of our fantastic work this half term!  
James Rizzi artwork:



Our tomato plants so far!





## Plants and flowers homework:



We hope you have a lovely half term what ever you are doing, and we hope you enjoy the weather. We look forward to hearing what you got up to in the first week back.