



Teacher: Miss Waghorn

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Hello everyone!

Here's what we have been up to in the last two weeks:

- In English we have started our new topic of 'Portal stories' with a focus on description of people, places and objects. We thought about the question 'If you could go anywhere, where would you go?'. To hook us into the topic we listened to different soundtracks and reflected on where they could lead us, a fantasy woodland, space or Victorian times?
- In Maths this week, Year 3s have started their second unit of multiplication and division, learning how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and making links between related calculations. Year 4s have been continuing their multiplication and division topic using the formal written method.
- In Geography we are learning about Rivers in our 'Misty Mountain, Winding Rivers topic'. This week, we have explored Rivers of the World.
- In Science we have had a few very exciting lessons, exploring 'States of matter'. We got stuck in with exploring with shaving foam, cornflour and sand to determine what makes a solid, liquid and gas – very messy but lots of fun! To understand the concept of a solid changing to a liquid through melting, we placed a chocolate button in our hand and slowly watched it melt – it didn't take long before they were all licked off! It was great to hear and see some pictures exploring this concept at home.
- Our RE question for this term is 'How do Hindu families practise their faith?'. This week we learnt about the community and a Hindu temple.
- In Art, we have learnt how to use different mediums to create the foreground, middle-ground and background of a landscape. We used the techniques of cross-hatching, charcoal shading and watercolours to create different effects.

Homework: 'I have a dream' - Young Writers poetry competition.

Due: 6th February

For homework over the next 2 weeks, we are challenging the children to dream big and get creative.

Today, they have taken home a 'I Have A Dream' poem activity pack. In this pack the children will generate ideas which will lead to them writing a poem inspired their imagination. Whether they write a poem about make-believe land, a spooky nightmare or their vision for the future, this theme encourages children to explore imagination and express themselves in the form of poetry.

We will then enter each story into the Poetry competition for 7–12-year-olds and prizes for the best entries include: the children's story being published in a book, £1,000 for the school, a Young Writer's Award of Excellence, £20 Symths voucher and a goody bag. As well as this, every entrant will receive a bookmark and a sticker for their effort. We can't wait to see what ideas the children create!

Key dates for your diaries are available on the Headteacher Newsletter and the weekly newsletter at a glance: Weekly Newsletters 2025/2026/ St. Peter's C of E Academy (eastbridgfordsstpeters.co.uk) <https://www.eastbridgfordsstpeters.co.uk/newsletters-at-a-glance>

Thank you.
Have a lovely weekend! Miss Waghorn.