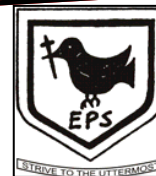


Woodpeckers and Robins EYFS News

Spring Term 3 2019



Etwall Primary School

Happy New Year Everyone!

Special points to remember:

- * PE kits need to be in school every day.
- * Reading Journals and books in school every day,
- * Read at home at least five times a week.
- * Phoneme keyrings are updated regularly.
- * Swimming day is Wednesday.
- * Library day is Wednesday.
- * Help the children to keep our cloak-room tidy by using draw string bags for all PE kits.

We hope you have all had an exciting but also relaxing Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to hearing all of the children's holiday adventures and welcome any interesting show and tell pieces. If the children do bring anything in to discuss with the class please ensure these are not expensive or glass. Photographs, artefacts, drawing and visit leaflets are always welcome and offer a good discussion point. We usually have our show and tell session on

We have a very exciting and busy half term and we hope that the children are geared up for lots of exciting activities both indoors and outdoors. Remember the weather is a lot colder now but this does not stop us from learning outside. So please ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather and that **ALL** clothing is labelled. Remember the start of the day routine is that we encourage parents and carers to come in from 8.45am to share a book and read with the children. Children **must** be accompanied by an adult.



British Values

It is a statutory requirement of schools to promote British values. So what are British values? According to Ofsted, Fundamental British values are: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. However, long before the government asked all British schools to teach fundamental British values, Etwall Primary School have been promoting these values through our own values, curriculum and enrichment. Examples of this include: school council, digital leaders, eco-council, assemblies, high expectations of behaviour, citizenship, R-time, circle time, anti-bullying work, Online Safety work, pupil of the week, citizen of the week, mini leaders, lunch time helpers, marking and celebrating key religious festivals and opportunities to visit places of worship. We will continue to keep you updated on our work and endeavour to develop our children into responsible and respectful individuals.

Online Safety:- Safer Internet Day

As it is January, why not make a digital resolution! Create a family agreement to ensure positive behaviour and boundaries online.

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February 2019 with the slogan

“Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning, Resilience”.

At Etwall Primary School, we will be holding our annual Online Safety week during this week. The children will be participating in various Online Safety activities. For advice on keeping your children safe online, please remember to visit the Online Safety section on the school

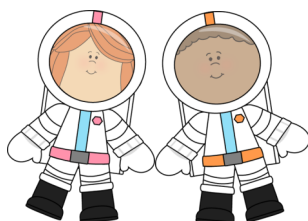
website or 'A Parent's Guide to being Share Aware' (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>).

In Reception we will also learn about Smartie the Penguin and what he does when he is faced with online problems. We will be learning his song.



Spring Term 3 Topic

This half term we are going to be learning about exploring outer space and learning about the stars and planets, travelling in space and meeting aliens. We will be reading lots of space books about planets and space travel. We will build rockets and spaceships as well as a dark area to experience what it



is like in space. We will learn about who has been into space including Tim Peake.

Also reading books about aliens and space adventures. Some of the books that we will be reading are: Aliens love underpants, The way back home, How to catch a star, and Q Pootle 5. Also we will research about all the planets in our solar system. What can you find out about space?

Reading at Home

Sharing books at home is a wonderful time to spend with your child. It is also fantastic for developing English skills. The Book Trust has many resources to help you make this time special. Follow this link to gain ideas to support your child. [http://files.server.booktrust.org.uk/user/resources/351/reading-](http://files.server.booktrust.org.uk/user/resources/351/reading-with-your-child-booklet-for-parents.pdf)

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Remember to read regularly at home (at least 5 times a week) and record it in the Learning diary. The children will collect points on their star every day they read at home to gain a lucky dip prize.



Bug Club



Don't forget to log on to Bug Club for additional e books to read at home. Log ins are found in your child's reading journal. The children have access to a wide range of books at their level of reading. Also there are questions and activities to do.

Phonics



All of the EYFS staff are very impressed by the children's phonics development. The majority of children are now blending and segmenting words and many also learning tricky words.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who have helped with this learning. We will now be concentrating on diagraphs such as sh, ch, th, ng.

It is important to help your child learn to read tricky words which are on the children's keyrings and using these in short sentences e.g. The cat likes food.

Help

We would love to welcome some parents into the classroom to help and would really appreciate the extra helping hand. If you have not had a DBS form filled out from school but you are interested in helping then please see the School Office and let the EYFS team know.

Storytelling

Visit this website for ideas:

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/blog/6440_national_storytelling_week

Mathematics



We are really enjoying learning about Numbers and most of the children have grasped counting, reading and writing numbers to 10. The children will have number cards or 100 squares to use at home and it would be great if you could help the children read larger numbers. We are also going to be adding and taking away practically and begin to record this using pictures.

Showing Respect

After two terms in school the children are definitely more independent and are starting to follow the school and class rules. They are a caring class who look after each other and our class environment. This half term we will be thinking about *Going for Goals*. The children will talk about their talents and what they can do to develop further.

End of Day arrangements

If anyone else is picking your child up at the end of the day PLEASE inform Mrs Toynbee, Miss Cox or the Office.

Thank You

What you can do at home

You can help your child in many ways:

Talk about our topic of Outer Space. Look out at the night sky, the stars and the moon and encourage your child to talk about what they see. Take part in any of the suggested home learning activities.

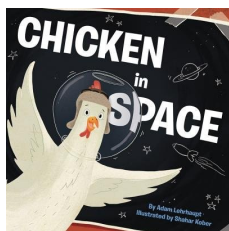
Also EYFS would like for any donations of old Christmas cards for cutting up and for our topic of time any unwanted or broken watches or clocks that the children can explore. If you are spring cleaning unwanted toys and comics will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continual help and support. Mrs. Toynbee and the EYFS team.

Recommended Reads

Chicken in Space by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Shahar Kobe

This hilarious new series of picture books features a spunky chicken and her outrageous aspirations. Zoey's dreams go far beyond the barnyard, and with the help of her friend Sam the pig, she just might be able to make them come true.



Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to find his home. The boy asked the Lost and Found Office, some birds, and even his rubber duck, but no one knew where he belonged. Then he read that penguins were from the South Pole, and decided to help him get back there. Together they set out across the sea, rowing through bad weather and good, but when they reached the South Pole, the boy discovered that sometimes what you're looking for is right in front of you all along...



Clothing

We are continuing to encourage children to be as independent as possible both in dressing themselves and also when tidying up after activity time. Please try to reinforce this at home as much as possible. Now that the weather is a little chillier, please could you ensure that your child has a coat and a pair of gloves in school. Also a pair of wellies (in a bag) to enable us to keep on learning outside. Please make sure all your child's clothing is **named**. Unless told otherwise, children are asked not to wear nail polish to school.



The Air Ambulance is this year's chosen charity

There are two regional air ambulances, across the counties of Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland. These two helicopters provide a rapid response to trauma and medical emergencies over an area of 3850 square miles covering many of the UK's major road networks including the M1, M6, M69 and M42. With an average response of just 13 minutes, between them they attend on average 6 missions a day.



Key dates for your diary

- * 7th January 2019 School open
- * 25th January Junk modeling workshop
- * 26th-2nd February National Story Telling Week
- * 4th February Film Night
- * 5th February Chinese New Year. The year of the Pig
- * 5th February Safer Internet Day
- * 13th February Number workshop 9-9.30 am
- * 15th February Last day of term