



Woodpeckers and Robins EYFS News

Autumn Term 2 2016



Etwall Primary School

Welcome back

We hope you have had a lovely half term holiday and are

Special points to remember:

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

Now the first half term is over your child should be well established in the routines of the school day. Please ensure you continue to promote independence in the mornings by letting your child hang their own bag and coat up and get themselves ready for the day.

Now that the children have settled in to the start of the day routine we are encouraging parents and carers to come in from 8.45 to share a book and read with the children. Children **must be** accompanied by an adult.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to ask the staff.



Anti-bullying week

Etwall Primary School will be taking part in National Anti-Bullying week between 13th-17th November. The theme is All Different, all equal. It is an opportunity for the children to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school able to be themselves without fear of bullying



Online Safety

It is important that we keep our children safe when they use the internet. Here are some tips:

Put yourself in control Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or

by visiting internetmatters.org.

Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites you've chosen. Explore these different sites together.

Children can now have a digital footprint before they



learn to speak and often before they're even born. 81% of mothers have uploaded an image of their child under 2 to social media sites. Zero to eight: Young children and their internet use - EU Kids Online (August 2013) 37% of children aged 3-4 use the internet through a PC or laptop 27% of children aged 3-4 watch TV programmes on computers or mobile phones.

Autumn 2 Topic

This half term we will be looking at stories and books about Dinosaurs. We will be learning about different types and how they lived. We will be making models of dinosaurs.



In December we will be thinking about winter and what happens when the weather changes. This will include preparing for our Christmas production. The children will be learning snowmen songs and create a wintery display.



Reading

Thank you to all the parents who are making regular comments in the reading diaries.

Little and often is definitely the best approach and already some of the children are beginning to blend CVC

(consonant, vowel, consonant) words and read some of the tricky words too. Remember please that we look for four or five entries into the diaries each week. Please also ensure your



child's reading book, diary, sound and tricky word key rings are in their homework folder to be updated where necessary.

Remember to read other books and to visit the local library.

Phonics



Last term the children worked really hard on their listen skills and have shown they are great at rhyming. We are now moving onto learning the phonemes. The children are joining in with the Jolly Phonics songs with enthusiasm and are using the phonemes to blend words together. We are also starting to write the letters. Try phonics play or pocket phonics on tablets at home.

Help

We are looking for a collection of bottle tops made from various materials. Also has anyone got any old off cuts of guttering and draining pipes. Finally old saucepans and lids made of metal only for an outdoor music area.

If you are clearing out any toys, games or comics before Santa visits EYFS would be very grateful for donations.

Please speak to Mrs Toynbee.

Mathematics



We are still enjoying our regular maths and counting activities.

We are exploring numbers beyond 10 and have played SPLAT on a 100 square. Help your child to recognize numerals to 20 using the number cards that were sent home. Then extend this to numbers to 100. Look for numbers all around and talk about how many.

At home to play maths games you can login to www.interactive.resources.co.uk

login: epspupil

password: epspupil



Snacks



Your child will be provided with a healthy morning snack, as part of the free school fruit and vegetable scheme.

They may also bring a snack for afternoon play, which can be kept in their drawer. Send the snack in a small bag rather than a large food box. The snacks they bring in must be healthy and unprocessed, e.g. a piece of fruit, vegetable, cheese or dried fruit. (Remember we are a nut-free school.)

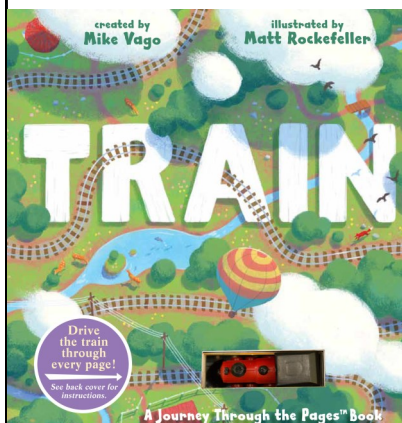
Also until the end of the month of your child's 5th birthday, your child is provided with free milk. **If you wish your child to continue to have milk please ask at the office.** There is drinking water available.



NSPCC Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. Etwall Primary will be looking at this during November.

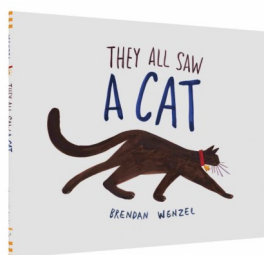
Recommended Reads

Train by Mike Vago



Train is a children's book that includes a toy train that actually drives through the book. Without lifting off the page, the train glides across each page, following the text as you read. When it gets to the edge of the page, it pivots, and turns to the next page and continues on its journey.

THEY ALL SAW A CAT Written and Illustrated by Brendan Wenzel



The cat walked through the world, with its whiskers, ears, and paws . . . In this glorious celebration of observation, curiosity, and imagination, Brendan Wenzel shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. *When you see a cat, what do you see?*

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.

What you can do at home

Bug Club is available at home using the log in provided. Also talk about our topics .



Thank you for your support.

Mrs Toynbee, Mr Jowett and the EYFS Team

Key dates for your diary

Special points of interest:

- * 30th October Diwali
- * 3rd November PTA Firework Event
- * 13th—17th November Anti Bulling Week
- * 3rd November Inset Day
- * 29th November Winter Disco
- * 14th December EYFS Christmas Nativity
- * 19th December Christmas Party