



Woodpeckers and Robins



EYFS News



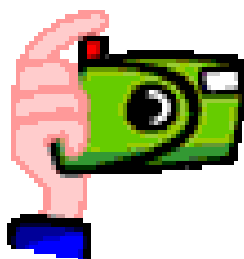
Happy New Year Everyone!

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,

artifacts, drawing and visit leaflets are always welcome and offer a good discussion point. We usually have our show and tell session on Fridays. This also encourages the children to talk about events and special occasions that are important to the children. 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.



Spring Term 3 2015

Dates for your Diary:

5th January: Back to School

4th February: PTA Film Night TBC

6th February: End of Term 3

Spring Term 3 Topic



This half term we are going to be learning about THE COLD! And we are hoping for snow. The children will look at cold countries, animals that live there and snowmen.

Then we will be exploring outer space and learning about the stars and planets, travelling in space and meeting aliens.



End of Day Arrangements

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

Also please add any other adults who could be picking up your child to the Home Arrangement Form . Thank You

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

Class Page

Have you viewed your child's class page on the Etwall Primary school website?

If not, then please visit <https://etwall-primary.eschools.co.uk/> website and click on the children's tab. On the left hand side you will see all of

What you can do at home?

You can help your child in many ways:

Talk about our topic of The Cold. Find out which countries are cold. Collect snowy pictures. Also talk about 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.



Bug Club

Sorry about the delay in BUG CLUB.

Now coming in 2015



the classes.. Click on your child's class and check out what they have been up to!

Also available to look through are pages such as 'Preventing and Tackling Bullying' and much, much

Websites:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zrgygk7>

Also EYFS would like for any donations of unwanted white net curtains to enhance our cold role play area, old Christmas cards for cutting up and for our topic of time any un-

Clothing



Now that the weather is a little chillier, please could you ensure that your child has a coat, hat, scarf and a pair of gloves in school.

Please make sure **all** your child's clothing is named. Children are asked not to wear nail polish to school. The School Office will be able to remove it if worn in error.

HELP WANTED

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 check then please form filled out from school but you are interested in helping then please see the School Office and let the EYFS team know.

wanted 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.

Mathematics

We are really enjoying learning about Numbers and most of the children have grasped counting, reading and writing numbers to 10. Now we are moving on to counting to 20 and beyond.

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 using pictures.

The children will be exploring time and clocks.

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. We are also learning to read and spell tricky words which are on the children's keyrings and using these in short sentences e.g. The cat likes food.



Phonics Play

www.phonicsplay.co.uk is a great website that we have recently subscribed to, and are beginning to use in school in our phonics lessons, to support the teaching of phonics. There are some great activities and games on this website for the children to play as part of their lessons, and also independently on class computers and iPads. It is possible for you to access some of the games on this website at home, so

that your children can play some of the games that link to the phonics phase they are working on. If you go on the website and click on the 'Free PhonicsPlay' link on the bottom right hand side of the screen, it will take you to the free resources that are available for each of the phonics phases. There is also some parents information on there as well.

Please encourage your child to use this website to support them in their phonics work!

