



Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls



Year 1/2 News



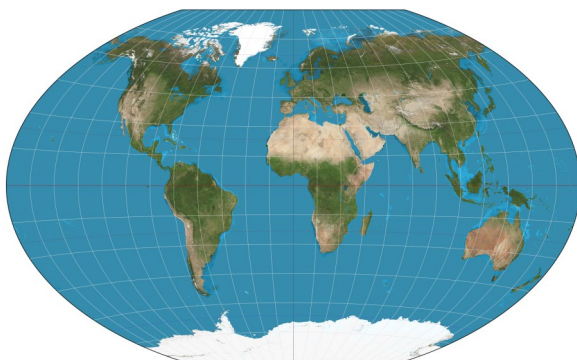
Welcome back to the new Spring Term!

Little Owls, Kingfishers and Robins hope you had a lovely break. Included in this newsletter is an overview of this half term and any other information that may be important at this stage.

Spring Term 4 2015 Important Dates

This terms topic is:

Where in the world would you like to live?



In year 1 and 2 we will be exploring various countries around the globe, as well as the 7 continents and the 5 major oceans. We will be comparing England and the British Isles to the likes of South Africa, Australia and many other countries! If you are a parent/ carer and have an 'expertise' knowledge of any particular countries and wouldn't mind coming to talk to the children then please let your child's class teacher know and we can arrange a time that best suits you! The children (and teachers!) are always so enthusiastic about having guests in the classroom. We hope to hear from some of you soon!

Parent E-Safety Workshop:

During E-Safety week Etwall Primary will be holding a parents 'E-safety workshop'. The workshop will be on Tuesday 24th Feb (3.45-5pm) It would be fantastic to see lots of parents there. Please come along to discuss and learn some simple hints and tips that could keep your child safe on the internet.

February:

18th & 19th: German teacher visiting Etwall Primary school.

26th: PTA meeting.

March:

2nd-5th: Book Week

2nd: Parents evening

5th: World book fair

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13th: PTA Fashion show

17th: Little Owls Showcase (3pm)

20th: Chocolate Bingo

25th: KS1 Easter church service

27th: End of term.

Bug Club!

Please don't forget to use Bug Club at home! Login details will be in your child's reading diary

English and Maths

English-

In English children will be covering a range of topics. Children will be finishing off their topic on 'Stories from the same author' (Mini Grey). So



far we have looked at the Traction Man stories, we will be learning about one more of Mini Grey's stories (Biscuit Bear). We will also be spending a week focusing on an e-safety related story to coincide with our whole school e-safety week. In addition to this children will also be learn-

ing about stories from other cultures.

Maths- Year 1/2 children have been working extremely well in their maths lessons! This term we will continue to add breadth to our learning by learning about and revising the following topics: Addition and subtraction, measurements (volume/ capacity), fractions, geometry, statistics and also time. I am sure you will agree, there is a lot to pack into a six week

Homework

Thank you to parents who have continued to support the school's homework policy or encouraged their children to work independently. It is an expectation that all children achieve 20 points by the end of the term. If your child is struggling to carry out research for their homework at home, there is a library club every Monday lunchtime where the children could carry out research (places are limited). If your child does not reach the 20 points, they will have to miss part of their last lunchtime of the term to catch up with their homework.

Science: What is our school made from?

In science lessons children will be exploring the various materials that our school is made from. Children will be thinking about the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.



Computing

We will be linking our computing lessons with our topic: Where in the world would you like to live? Children will be continuing the work on 'Digital Exploration'. This will include children researching specific countries and designing a PowerPoint presentation based on their chosen country.



Change to Swimming Times

Please note the following changes to our swimming timetable:

Robins: Tuesday PM

Kingfishers: Wednesday PM

Little Owls: Wednesday AM

As always, we are extremely grateful to any parent/ carer that can help with swimming lessons. If you are interested in helping then please contact your child's class

DT, P.E, Music, PSHE and RE topics:

WANTED: Comic strips/ Magazines

To make our reading corner a little bit more exciting we would like a comic book/ magazine section. If you have any at home that you would like to donate to school please bring in and give to your child's class teacher

DT (Design Technology): In DT children will be focusing on 'structures'. This links well with our science topic which is based around the use of materials. Children will be exploring creating various structures with different materials in a cross-curricular link with science.

P.E: Children will be exploring the role of various dance movements- whilst listening to music from around the world. This includes music from China, Egypt and native America.

PSHE: This term will be very busy for PSHE learning. 23rd Feb marks the start of 'E-safety' week. In addition to lots of work focused on e-safety. Year 1/2s will be exploring their strengths and weaknesses as we discuss why we are 'Proud to be us'.

RE: Our main focus for R.E will be "Who is an inspiring person and why?" We will be learning about inspiring figures from Judaism and Christianity.

The NSPCC Share Aware Campaign

The 'Share Aware' Campaign recently launched by the NSPCC highlights the concerns about social networking sites that are often popular with children. The launch of the 'Share Aware' campaign aims to get families talking about socialising safely online. The website has some fantastic tips to support e-safety in your home- please take the time to have a look: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>



Phonics Play:

If you haven't already; please check out phonics play online:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk is a great website that we have recently subscribed to and are beginning to use in school during our phonics lessons. There are some great activities and games on the website for 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 these games for your child to play with at home. Your child can then play phonics games that are related to the phase they are working through at school. Go to the website and click on 'Free Phonics Play'. This will take you to all of the free resources that are available for each phase. There is also some helpful parent information. Please encourage your child to use this website to support them in their phonics work!

Rapid Recall-

Remember to check your child's reading diary to keep a record of what step they are on. Keep practicing at home to help them move to the next level!