

# Sparrowhawks' Year 4 Class News

Autumn Term 2 2018

**Etwall Primary  
School**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half term break and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

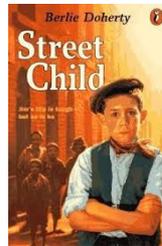
## Maths and English

### Remember:

- \* PE kits need to be in school every day.
- \* Reading journals will be checked every Tuesday.
- \* Spelling test is every Tuesday. Please support your child in learning their spellings.
- \* Children will have mental maths and writing targets glued into their reading journals. Times tables are also expected to be practised every week.

### English

In English this term we will be studying a narrative unit, reading and writing fantasy texts. We will also be studying poems with imagery and information texts. We will be reading the novel *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, to help us to understand what life was like for some children during the Victorian era. Through



our work with this text and through our guided reading lessons we will continue to work on our inference and deduction skills. As part of our English work we will continue to develop our knowledge of spellings, punctuation and grammar (SPAG).

### Maths

In maths this term we will be looking at fractions and statistics. We will continue to work

on formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Although we will be practising our multiplication facts in school, the quicker the children can recall these facts, the easier they will find the whole maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to practise these at home.

Thank you.

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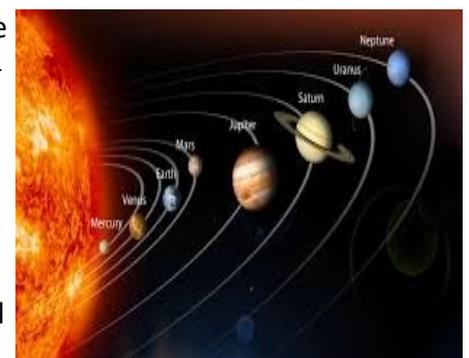
## Other subjects

Our topic this term will be 'How did the Victorian period help shape the Etwall we know today?' As part of our work on this topic, we will be learning about what life was like during the Victorian era.

In science our topic is sound. We will look closely at why pop music is so enjoyable. In PE our theme is balance and we will be doing some floor work. In RE our topic is 'What makes a leader worth following?' In Citizen-

ship our theme is relationships and in computing we will be programming, coding and controlling devices. In German our theme is days leisure and entertainment and in music we will be learning some carols for the Christmas Carol Concert at St. Helen's

Church.



## Showcases and workshops 2018-19

Key Stage 2 will be holding the following workshops and showcases this year, and we would like to warmly invite you to all of them, so that you can find out ways of supporting your child's learning at home.

Workshops are held in classrooms and showcases may be in classrooms or in the hall/outside, depending on the theme of the workshop. Times will be confirmed nearer the time.

We thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Friday 30th November 3pm—  
3.30pm Computing showcase

Wednesday 16th January 9:00-9:30  
—KS2 reading workshop

Thursday 4th April pm—KS2 D&T  
showcase

Tuesday 30th April 9:00-9:30am —  
KS2 spelling/handwriting workshop

Tuesday 25th June —KS2 outdoor  
learning showcase



## Useful English vocabulary

Children in year 4 are expected to have a sound knowledge of the different words classes in the English language. To help your child to develop their knowledge of this, the following vocabulary may be useful:

**Common nouns**—names of objects or things in general, e.g.

dog, school.

**Proper nouns**—names of people or places, e.g. Etwall, Harry.

**Verbs**—doing words.

**Adjectives**—describing words.

**Pronouns**—replace a noun, e.g. him/her /it.

**Adverbs**—describe a verb or an

adjective, e.g. slowly, lazily.

**Preposition**—describes the position of something, e.g. on/under.

**Conjunction**—a connecting word such as and, because, so, consequently.

**Determiner or article**—comes before a noun, e.g. a/an/the.

### Mountain Warehouse

The Year 3/4 residential is on the horizon, and the kit list will be coming your way in the near future.

Although we recommend that you send your child with old clothes which can get dirty, if you do need to buy them anything, Mountain Warehouse in the Intu Centre have kindly agreed to give a 10% discount to Etwall Primary School families whose children are attending the residential. All

you need to do is mention the school.



### School uniform and PE kit

We'd like to take the opportunity to remind you of the importance of children bringing in the correct kit for PE and swimming.

PE:

white T-shirt, blue/black shorts, short white socks and clean trainers.

swimming: trunks/costume, towel & cap

Please ensure these are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

## PG Films

Throughout the year the children may be watching clips from PG films to support their learning. If you have any questions about this, please come and see your child's class teacher.



## School websites

Our school website address is:

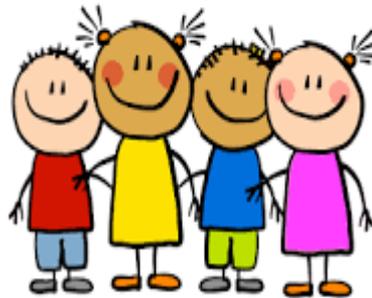
<https://www.etwall.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

We will be updating the class pages under 'children' every week. Keep checking for information and photos of what your children have been doing in class!

Thank you for your support.

## Anti-bullying week 12th—16th November

Etwall Primary School will be taking part in National Anti-Bullying week between 12th-16th November. Please support us with this important work by reinforcing the anti-bullying messages that we continuously reinforce in school. Thank you for your support.



## Parent helpers

If any parents/grandparents etc could spare half a day a week (or more!) to listen to children read, they would be made very welcome, and it would be very much appreciated. The more children read the better, and the more confident they become. Please could you let your child's teacher know if you are able to help. Thank you.



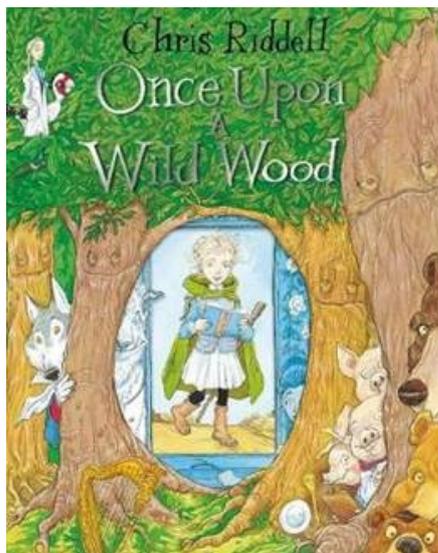
## Victorian Day

As part of our Victorian topic this term, we will be holding a Victorian day in school. On this day the KS2 classrooms will be set up like Victorian classrooms and lessons will be conducted in the style of Victorian lessons, to give children an accurate understanding of what life would have been like at this time.

Teachers will be in Victorian dress, and we would like to request that children also come in Victorian dress on this day. Pictures of Victorian children can be found on Google, if you are unsure what your child should wear. We thank you for your support.



## Recommended Reads

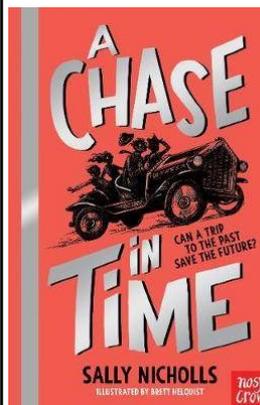


### **Once upon Wild Wood by Chris Riddell**

A brand-new fairytale character, Little Green Rain Cape, sets off through the wild woods on her way to Rapunzel's birthday party.

On the way, she meets and helps a host of beloved fairytale characters, from The Beast to the Seven Dwarves and the Three Little Pigs, in this mixed-up new fairytale.

A truly delightful picture book that children of all ages will love, especially slightly older children who will enjoy the wonderful illustrations and unusual plot!



### **A chase in Time by Sally Nicholls**

Every summer, Alex and his elder sister Ruby spend two weeks at Applecott House, their great-aunt's bed and breakfast. They love the grand old building, which is full of fascinating artefacts from all over the world.

When Alex and Ruby pass the ornate French mirror in the hallway one evening, they are astounded to see two other children reflected back at them. Toppling through the mirror in surprise, they find themselves in Applecott House of 1912, and come face to face with their ancestors Henry and Dora.

Alex and Ruby are quickly swept up in a whirl of excitement. They thoroughly enjoy their visit to the past, but will they be able to find their way back to their own time?

This rip-roaring time-slip novel has a fast-paced plot and entertaining characters. With black-and-white line drawings illustrating each chapter, this first tale in the series is ideal for confident young readers with an interest in history.

## Key dates for your diary

5th November —Back to school!

7th November—KS2 visit to St Helen's Church WW1 exhibition

9th November—Book Swap Friday & PTFA fireworks event

12th—16th November—Anti-bullying week

15th November—School Council Children in Need fundraising event

26th November—PTFA disco—3:45 KS1; 5:00 KS2

30th November—Computing Showcase— 3:00—3:30

7th December—PTFA Secret Santa

10th December—PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle

13th December— KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00pm and 6:00pm

14th December—School Council Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

18th December— UKS2 Christmas party

19th December—Christmas lunch

21st December—End of term 9th April—KS2 Easter service at St Helen's Church; 9:30

