# *Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls*

# Year 1 & 2 News

## Welcome to Spring Term 3 2019

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday and we look forward to a busy Spring term. Thank you to everyone who was kind enough to send in a Christmas card or gift, these were all greatly appreciated.

This terms topic:

**How have Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela helped to make the world a better place?**

We will be learning about racial separation and how people are discriminated. We will celebrate Nelson Mandela Day and watch some inspirational speakers. We will be finding out about Rosa Parks stood up for what she believed. If you get the opportunity, why not watch the Dr Who episode about Rosa on the BBC iPlayer: Series 11, Episode 3. It provides a really good idea as to the issues around race relations in America, at a level which children are able to understand:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bpwm2m/doctor-who-series-11-3-rosa

**Spring Term 3 2018**
**Important Dates**

**Monday 7th January**
First day back

**Tuesday 15th January**
KS1 reading comprehension workshop

**Monday 4th February**
PTFA film night

**Friday 15th February**
PTFA recycling day

**Friday 15th February**
Last day of term

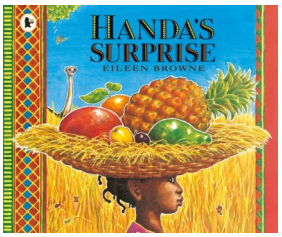
**Learning Journals**

Please remember to check your child's learning diary for any additional learning opportunities we may have provided them with.

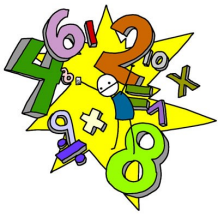
## Helpers!

We welcome any parent helpers that are willing to come in each week to support in the classroom with listening to readers and supporting learning. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able give your time. Similarly, if you are willing to volunteer as a swimming helper, Mrs Goodchild via the school office.

# English and Maths




To tie in with this terms topic, we will be focusing on stories from other cultures. We will base this unit on Handa's Surprise, described as "A modern classic named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK, this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend? We will also be reading and writing recounts.



Over the half term we will be learning about multiplication and division and recalling our 2, 5 and 10 time table. We will be finding out about fractions, how shapes can be split into fractions. We will also be using measures and looking at mass, capacity and temperature and how they can be measured. Please continue to work on basic number facts at home, such as number bonds to 10 and 100 and times tables, as well as bringing Maths into everyday situations so that the children can use numbers in context.

## Science: What did Nelson Mandela eat to keep him healthy?

Over the term we will be learning about keeping our bodies healthy. We will be learning about the effect that exercise and healthy eating has on our bodies; what our bodies need to grow and the basic needs of humans and animals. Why not take your children to Etwall library to see what they can find out about healthy eating through books and online resources?

## Homework

In order to support your child with their learning we encourage parents to hear their child read and write a comment in their Learning Diary. This makes a big difference in the children's ability to understand and decode tricky words.

Bug club is a great way to get your child reading and also has interactive questions to help with comprehension.

It is also helpful to practice the 2, 5 and 10 times table in order for your child to become fluent and multiplying. For extra maths work please check out https://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/ for games linked to the areas of maths we will be learning this term.

## Computing

We are learning to create PowerPoint presentations based on our own research. We will be adding and editing text, adding images, saving files and following hyperlinks to help us research.

# DT, P.E, PSHE and RE

**DT:** We will be concentrating on food this half term. We will be designing and making a healthy fruit salad. We will find out about different fruits and how to prepare food safely and hygienically e.g. how to use cutting utensils carefully.

**P.E:** The children will be learning about dynamic and static balance linking in with cognitive learning such as: ordering instructions, movements and skills; recognizing similarities and differences in performance; and explaining why someone is working well.

**PSHE:** The children will be learning how to show and respond to feelings. They will be thinking about words they would use to describe their feelings. They will also talk about how behavior can affect others.

**RE:** They children will be finding out about inspiring people in religion with a focus on Jesus and the Easter story. The children will have time to talk about who inspires them.

## Visit our Website!

Please visit the website for up-to-date information and important dates. Class teachers will also update your child's class page with information and pictures of recent learning to keep you on track with what we are doing on school.

Please also contact the office if you change your email address so you are able to receive on-line correspondence from school.

## Open Door Policy

We always welcome parents into school to answer questions, listen to concerns and help support your child's learning. There are times during the day that are key preparation times for a teacher. If you need to have a more in depth chat about your child's learning please make an appointment with your class teacher so that you can ensure there is plenty of time to discuss things in detail, if needed.

## PE and Swimming

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for PE and swimming. White tee shirt and black pumps and shorts and their hat towel and costume.

As we have now started swimming please make sure that your child has their PE kit, swimming hat and towel.

Your swimming day is as follows:

**Mon:** Kingfishers and Little Owls

**Wed:** Robins

## Rapid Number 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 stage.

## Common Exception Words

During the year we will be supporting your children with learning words that do not always follow the phonic rules.

It would really help your child to support this learning at home through small ,but regular practice of these words. They are listed on the homework leaflet.

**Year 1**

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| the | they | one |
| a | be | once |
| do | he | ask |
| to | me | friend |
| today | she | school |
| of | we | put |
| said | no | push |
| says | go | pull |
| are | so | full |
| were | by | house |
| was | my | our |
| is | here | |
| his | there | |
| has | where | |
| I | love | |
| you | come | |
| your | some | |

**Year 2**

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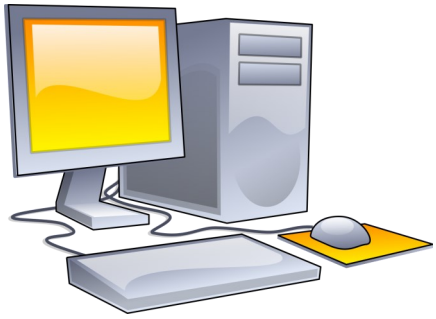
| door | gold | plant | clothes |
| floor | hold | path | busy |
| poor | told | bath | people |
| because | every | hour | water |
| find | great | move | again |
| kind | break | prove | half |
| mind | steak | improve | money |
| behind | pretty | sure | Mr |
| child | beautiful | sugar | Mrs |
| children | after | eye | parents |
| wild | fast | could | Christmas |
| climb | last | should | everybody |
| most | past | would | even |
| only | father | who | |
| both | class | whole | |
| old | grass | any | |
| cold | pass | many | |

## Online Safety

For advice on keeping your children safe online, please remember to visit the Online Safety section on the school website

https://etwall-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/online_safety/10219



or

'A Parent's Guide to being Share Aware'

(https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf).

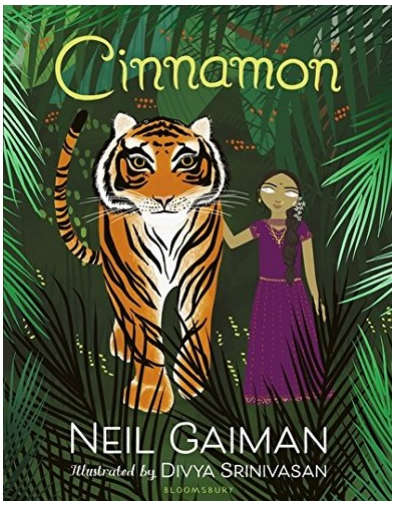
Please lalso ook on the school facebook page for regular online safety updates.

## Workshops

During the term we be hosting a parent workshop based on reading comprehension. We aim for this to inform parents about how reading is taught at this level. We will be focusing the workshop on the teaching of comprehension and questioning.

## Recommended Reads

**Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman**




A stunning modern fable with vibrant illustrations. Cinnamon is mysterious princess who has pearls for eyes, cannot see and does not speak. Many people try to help her, but none succeed– until a fearsome tiger befriends her and changes her life forever.

Please remember that your child will be invited to go to the school library every other week to choose a book that they like the look of.