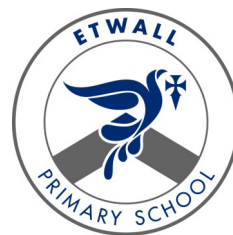




Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls



Year 1/2 News



Welcome back after your summer break!

We all hope you have had a lovely and well rested summer holiday and are looking forward to a fun, active and enthusiastic start to the year.

This terms topic:
Why is winter dark?



During the half term we will be investigating weather. We will be looking at what different weather types we might get in England and will be finding out about extreme weather. To add to this we will be looking at how weather effects us and where we live.

Our focus book for this topic will be *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Thomlinson.

Autumn Term 1 2018 Important Dates

- 3rd Sept– Inset Day
- 4th Sept– Inset Day
- 5th Sept– First Day back at school
- 26th Sept– Phonics Workshop
- 27th Sept– Macmillan coffee morning
- 2nd Oct– Harvest
- 3rd Oct– Phonics and Hand-writing workshop
- 15th Oct– Inset Day
- 16th Oct– Parents Evening
- 18th Oct– Parents Evening
- 26th Oct– PTFA Recycling Day
- 29th Oct– 2nd Nov– Half Term

Gardening!

To enhance the children's understanding of plants and healthy eating, encourage outdoor learning and exploration we are looking for volunteers that are able to support a small group of children with gardening. If you would like to spare some time to help the children in the garden please see Mrs Swan who will put together a timetable of helpers. Thank you

Bug Club!

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

English and Maths

English – Children will be working in phonic groups to learn phonic sounds each day.

The children will be learning poetry this half term. We will also be looking at a story with a repeated pattern. We will be focusing on the story *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy.

Maths– We will be started the year by understanding place value and

how a number can be split into hundreds, tens and ones; where a number comes on a number line and more than and less than. We will also be doing some work on addition and subtraction. The children will use cubes to help them add and take away numbers up to 10 and then 20.

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 journal. This makes a big difference in the children's ability to understand the meaning of tricky words and decode words that are unfamiliar.

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

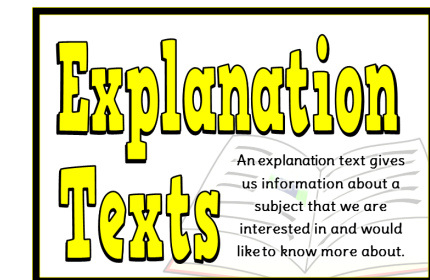
It is also helpful to practice



the 2, 5 and 10 times table in order for your child to become fluent and multiplying.

For extra maths work please check out the <https://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/>

website for games that will be linked to the areas of maths we will be learning this term.



Science: Why isn't everyone afraid of the dark?

To link in with the humanities topic we will be focusing on light and dark. The children will look at the difference between day and night and how this effects temperature; find different light sources and look at shadows and how they are made.



Computing

To begin the year the children will have chance to recap on basic computing. They will learn to logon and off, typing skills, saving and retrieving work and printing.



DT, P.E, PSHE and RE topics:

WANTED:

We are always on the look out for parents/ carers/ grandparents who are willing to come into school to support our young readers.

If you are interested in coming into school to listen to readers then please contact Mrs Swan who will create a timetable of helpers

Thank you!

DT: this half term we will be printing in art. We will link to the theme of dark and light by creating monochrome printed pictures.

P.E: There will be a focus upon balance during this year with the theme being static balance.

PSHE: The children will be learning about healthy living, talking about what they think that means and discovering what makes us healthy.

RE: The focus for this half term will be on Christianity, who is Christian and what they believe. The children will be learning about some of the teachings of Jesus and what they mean.



Visit our Website!

If you haven't already – make sure you visit our school website. Over the past year staff have been working hard to improve the school website to ensure it is really informative for parents. Class pages are updated regularly to show you what we have been learning in and out of class. In addition to this we have recently launched our secure 'Learning Platform' for pupils to log into. The Learning Platform allows children to access relevant and educational resources and also create discussion blogs with their classmates. If your child has lost their login details then please contact your child's class teacher for a new set.



Lost Property

Just a reminder at the beginning of the year to ensure that all your children's items have their name clearly labelled to avoid lost property not being returned.



PE and swimming kits

This year the children's PE days will be as follows:

Little Owls: Tuesday

Kingfishes:

Robins:

Swimming will be:

Little Owls: Tuesday

Kingfishes:

Robins:

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



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!

Uniform

Please remember to make sure your child comes with their raincoat and sun hat in September as the weather can often be unpredictable at this time of year.



Sporting Opportunities

There are several opportunities for your child to take part in sporting clubs and events throughout the term.

Please look out for letters about these or ask your



Recommended Reads for Year 1 and 2

The Man Whose Mother Was a Pirate
by Margaret Mahy

Sam has quite a boring life, that is until he finds out his mother used to be a pirate. One day, after breakfast, he sets off on an unforgettable adventure.

This is a great read and will be sure to get all the children interested.

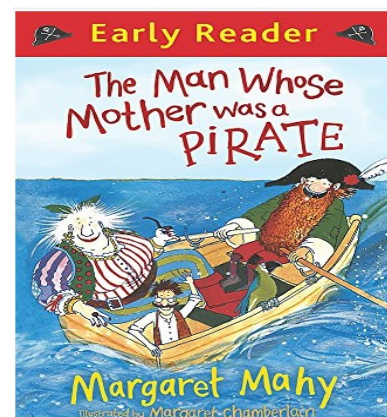
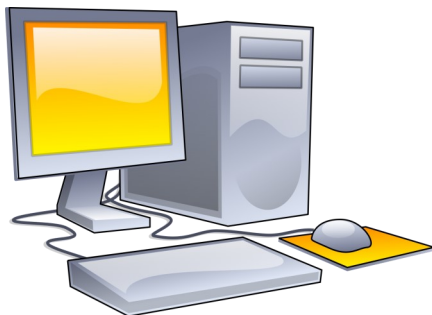
Online Safety

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>).



Don't forget to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Etwall Library. This is a great chance to read a range of books over the summer and gain prizes,