

Eagles and Ospreys 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.

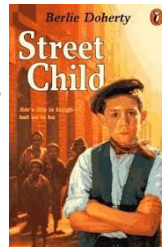
Maths and English

Remember:

- * PE kits need to be in school every day.
- * Reading journals will be checked every Friday (Eagles)/Monday (Ospreys).
- * Spelling test is every Friday. 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 'Could we ever send another human to the moon?' and we will be learning about Earth and space. 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 PSHCE 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 Christ-

mas 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!

Monday 3rd December 3:00—Eagles computing showcase

Thursday 6th December 3:00—Ospreys computing showcase

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

Thursday 4th April pm—KS2 D&T showcase

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

Tuesday 25th June —KS2 outdoor learning showcase



Useful English vocabulary

Children in years 5 and 6 are expected to have a sound knowledge of the different word 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.

British Values

As part of our work on British Values and international understanding, years 5 and 6 will be writing to our partner school in Germany.

We are very happy that this partnership is to continue, and that the children have the opportunity to make new friends and gain an understanding of the German language and culture.

In line with our safeguarding policy, no surnames or home addresses/phone numbers etc. will be given to the children in Germany. If you have any questions about this, please contact your child's class teacher.



Student teachers

In the spring term, we will have two student teachers from Derby University joining Eagles and Ospreys class. Miss Brett and Miss Layland will be with us from January until March, teaching alongside Miss Warburton and Mrs Dhillon, and we are very much looking forward to having them as part of the Year 5/6 team. It is always an enriching experience to have extra teachers in the classroom, and to enjoy their enthusiasm and ideas as they complete the final leg of

their teaching degree.

We look forward to welcoming them to our team!



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

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

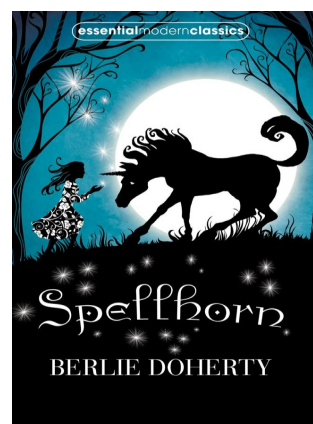
Anthony Horowitz, creator of star teenage spy Alex Rider, launches a phenomenal, action-packed adventure series with Stormbreaker. His teenage hero is cool, contemporary and brave - just the right sort of hero to entice reluctant boy readers, aged 9+, to get reading. As the book opens, Alex discovers that his uncle, who has looked after him since he was a baby, has been killed in a car crash. What's more, he was a spy not a banker, and now Alex is being recruited to help on a MI6 mission. Cracking pace and tons of suspense make this an irresistible read



Spellhorn—Berlie Doherty

A blind girl and a unicorn in a world where magic and reality merge together. Can Laura save the Wild Ones and take them to the safety of the Bright Wilderness?

Laura is blind, but though she cannot see, she is an acutely perceptive child. As soon as she climbs onto the unicorn's back she is hurled into a wild and magical world. Though a contemporary child, living in a contemporary setting, Spellhorn and the Wild Ones see Laura as their leader and they know that only through Laura can they reach the safety of the Bright Wilderness. But can the unicorns lead Laura back home to her own world?



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

Monday 3rd December 3:00—Eagles computing showcase

Thursday 6th December 3:00—Ospreys computing showcase

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