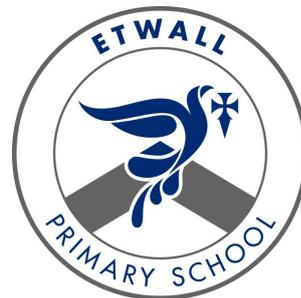


Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls



Year 1/2 News



Welcome to Autumn 2

We have had a wonderful first term with lots of fantastic activities. It was great to see the children so enthused about their learning. As we move towards Christmas, we look forward to seeing more of the same!

Autumn Term 2 2018 Important Dates

This terms topic:

Why do we celebrate Remembrance Day?



Throughout the half term we will be learning about World War 1 and the impact it had on children. We will look at how it has changed Etwell and the similarities and differences between the 1900's and today. During this term we will also be celebrating 100 years since the end of WW1 and what that means to us. If you or any of your extended family have any artefacts that you think would be of interest to the children, please do let us know and we will be only too happy to let them show them off. This might be anything from a diary to a collection of medals, it all helps to bring the topic to life for them. Thank you in advance.

Monday 5th November- Back to school.

Friday 9th November- Firework Night

Wednesday 14th November- Pinocchio performance

Wednesday 28th November- PTFA KS1 disco.

Friday 7th December- PTFA Secret Santa

Monday 10th December- PTFA Christmas Hamper

11th and 12th December- KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 19th December- Christmas dinner

Friday 21st December- am Christmas craft showcase

Friday 21st December pm- Christmas party

Friday 21st December- Break up.

Helpers Please!

We welcome any parent or grandparent 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, however much or little that may be. Whatever you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

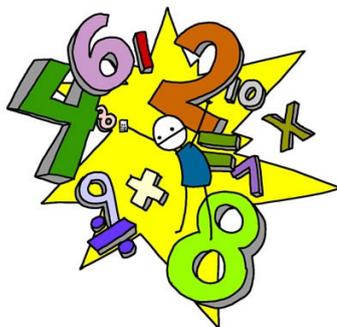
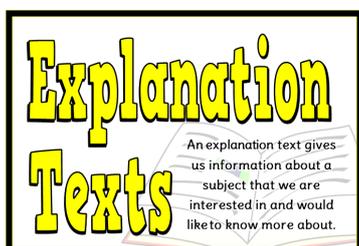
Learning Journals

Please remember to fill out your child's Learning Journal with all the wonderful things your child has been learning at home.

English and Maths

English- We will continue to follow 'Letters and Sounds' and Jolly Phonics to ensure your child is able to use phonetic sounds to support reading and spelling. Please see the homework booklet for this weeks sound.

During this term we will be studying traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood. We will also be looking at Christmas poetry at the end of the year.



Maths- Throughout this term the children will be learning how to create and interpret data. They will be learning how to read scales and answering measurement problems as well as practically measuring objects. We will also be learning how to calculate multiplication and division through use of practical and mental calculation methods.

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.



Science: What material is an air raid shelter made from?

During the term we will be thinking about different materials and comparing their properties. We will be thinking about why materials are used to make certain objects and we will be linking this to our topic of WWI by looking at the materials air raid shelters were made from and why.



It is also helpful to practice the 2, 5 and 10 times table in order for your child to become fluent at multiplying. We are always telling the children how much everything comes back to knowing their times tables, so anything you can do to consolidate this will be greatly appreciated.

Computing

From now until the Christmas holidays, we will be showing the children different ways of recording information, for example by using sound, photographs, pictures or text. This continues our commitment to improving their ICT skills, something we consider vital in this day and age.



For extra maths work please check out the <https://www.interactiv e-resources.co.uk/> website for games that will be linked to the areas of maths we will be learning this term.

DT, P.E, PSHE and RE topics:



DT: this half term we will be focusing on creating structures using a variety of joins and materials to make our own air raid shelters.



P.E: The children will be enjoying a unit in which they will learn how to dynamically balance.



PSHE: The children will be exploring their emotions and understand how behavior can effect others.

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.

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

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 Kits

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. Without your help, we can't deliver these essential elements of the school curriculum



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 level!

THE POW!ER OF WORDS

Common Exception Words

Exception words are words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way. They are not words for which phonics 'doesn't work', but they may be exceptions to spelling rules, or words which use a particular combination of letters to represent sound patterns in a rare or unique way.

Some exception words are used very frequently, which is why children are introduced to them very early on in their phonics learning (in Reception, alongside high frequency words, and in Key Stage 1).

During the year we will be supporting your children with these common exception words. It would really help your child to support this learning at home through quick but regular practise of these words.

Online Safety

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

https://etwall-prima-ry.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>

Christmas Craft Showcase

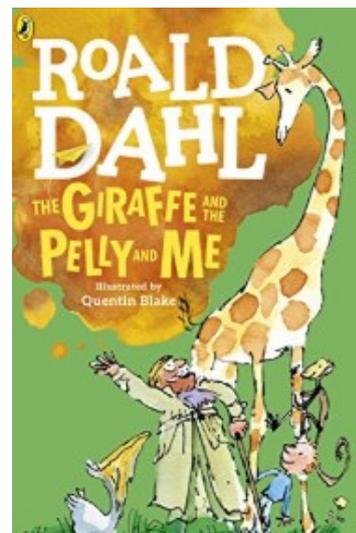
Keep your eyes peeled for information coming out later this term on our Key Stage One Christmas Craft Showcase. This will take place on the morning of Friday 21st December and will be further communicated through eSchools.



Recommended Reads for Year 1 and 2

The Giraffe the Pelly and Me. By Roald Dahl

A crazy story about Billy, who wants to own a sweet shop, and the Ladderless Window Cleaning Company run by a giraffe, a pelly and a monkey. A fantastic read by a wonderful author- a definite MUST READ!



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.