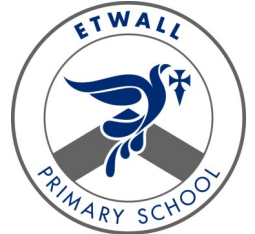




# Woodpeckers and Robins EYFS News

Autumn Term 2 2018



**Etwell Primary School**

## Welcome back

We hope you have had a lovely half term holiday and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead. Now the weather is getting colder remember children will need a coat and hat and gloves for outdoor activities.

### Special points to remember:

- \* PE kits need to be in school every day.
- \* Learning Diaries and books in school every day,
- \* Read at least five times a week.
- \* Phoneme keyrings are updated weekly.
- \* Water bottles and afternoon snack daily.
- \* Swimming day is Wednesday. Hopefully this will start during November. We will keep you informed.
- \* Woodpeckers library day is Wednesday.
- \* Help the children to keep our cloak-room tidy by using draw string.

Now the first half term is over your child should be well established in the routines of the school day. Please ensure you continue to promote independence in the mornings by letting your child hang their own bag and coat up and get themselves ready for the day.

Now that the children have settled in to the start of the day routine we are encouraging parents and carers to come in from 8.45am to share a book and read with the children. Children **must be** accompanied by an adult until 8.55am when the bell sounds.

Please encourage the children **NOT** to play with activities which are set up for the day.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to ask the staff.



## Anti-bullying week

**Get involved and help #stopbullying**

Anti bullying Week 2018 is being held between the 12th and 16th November and is organised by [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#). This year the theme is '**Choose Respect**'. Follow the events on social media using

**#antibullyingweek** and **#abw18**.



## Online Safety

It is important that we keep our children safe when they use the internet. Here are some tips:

Put yourself in control Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org).

Set your homepage to a

child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites you've chosen. Explore these different sites together.

Children can now have a digital footprint before they learn to speak and often before they're even born. 81% of mothers have uploaded an image of their child under 2 to social media sites. Zero to eight: Young children and their internet use -

Ofcom's latest research has shown that 86% of 3-4 year olds have access to a tablet at home and 21% have their own tablet (data taken from <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/keeping-young-children-safe-online>). For advice on how to keep under 5s safe online, please visit <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/keeping-young-children-safe-online>



## Autumn Term 2 Topic

This half term we will be looking at Traditional stories and books. In particular we will focus on the Gingerbread Man. We will look at the features of the story and use a story map to retell the story.



In December we will be thinking about winter and what happens when the weather changes. This will include preparing for our Christmas production. The children will be learning snowmen songs and creating a wintery display.

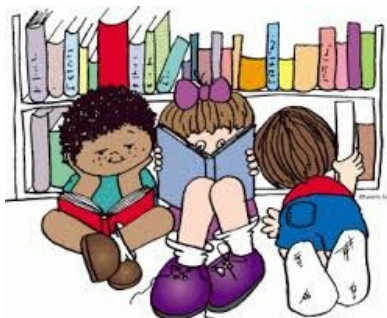


## Reading

Thank you to all the parents who are making regular comments in the Learning Diaries Little and often is definitely the best approach and already some of the children are beginning to blend CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and read some of

the tricky words too. Remember please that we look for four or five entries into the diaries each week.

Please also ensure your child's reading book, diary, sound key rings are in their book bags be updated where necessary.



Remember to read other books and to visit the local library.

Bug Club is another reading resource as well as Oxford Owl.



## Phonics



Last term the children worked really hard on their listen skills and have shown they are great at rhyming. We are now moving onto learning the phonemes. The children are joining in with the Jolly Phonics songs with enthusiasm and are using the phonemes to blend words together. We are also starting to write the letters, words and even short captions.

Try phonics play or pocket phonics on tablets at home.

## Help

We are looking for a collection of bottle tops made from various materials. Also has anyone got any old off cuts of guttering and draining pipes. Finally old saucepans and lids made of metal only for an outdoor music area.

If you are clearing out any toys, games or comics before Santa visits EYFS would be very grateful for donations.

Please speak to Mrs Toynbee.

If you have any time to spare and would like to be a volunteer in school please ask any of the EYFS team for information.

## Mathematics



We are still enjoying our regular maths and counting activities.

We are exploring numbers beyond 10 and have played SPLAT on a 100 square. Help your child to recognize numerals to 20 using the number cards that were sent home. Then extend this to numbers to 100. Look for numbers all around and talk about how many.

At home to play maths games you can login to [www.interactive.resources.co.uk](http://www.interactive.resources.co.uk)  
login: epspupil  
password: epspupil

## Snacks



Your child will be provided with a healthy morning snack, as part of the free school fruit and vegetable scheme. They may also bring a snack for afternoon play, which can be kept in their drawer. Send the snack in a small bag rather than a large food box. The snacks they bring in must be healthy and unprocessed, e.g. a piece of fruit, vegetable, cheese or dried fruit. (Remember we are a nut-free school.)

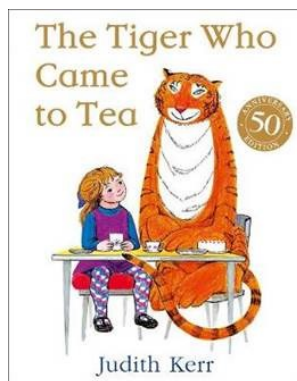
Also until the end of the month of your child's 5th birthday, your child is provided with free milk. **If you wish your child to continue to have milk please ask at the office.** There is drinking water available.



**NSPCC** Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. Etwall Primary will be looking at this during November.



## Recommended Reads



### The Tiger who came to tea- Judith Kerr

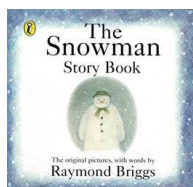
This delightful picture book from Judith Kerr is a true classic, with enduring appeal for children and parents alike. Kerr's vibrant, colourful illustrations

and simple but charming story make this a perfect book to enjoy reading together.

### The Snowman—Raymond Briggs

James builds a snowman in the garden, then wakes up in the night to find that it has come to life. He shows the Snowman his home, and in return, the Snowman whisks him away on a very special journey.

This beautiful picture book is a Christmas classic. The stunning illustrations beautifully convey the story of a small boy's magical friendship with a snowman.



## Clothing

We are continuing to encourage children to be as independent as possible both in dressing themselves and also when tidying up after activity time. Please try to reinforce this at home as much as possible.



Now that the weather is a little chillier, please could you ensure that your child has a coat, a warm hat and a pair of gloves in school. Also a pair of wellies (in a bag) to enable us to keep on learning outside

**Please make sure all your child's clothing is named.** Unless told otherwise, children are asked not to wear nail polish to school.

## What you can do at home

Bug Club is available at home using the log in provided.

Also talk about our topics. Read lots of traditional tales and act them out.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Mrs Toynbee, and the EYFS Team**



## Key dates for your diary

### Special points of interest:

5th November: Back to school  
 9th November: WW1 Event St. Helen's church  
 9th November: PTFA Firework Night  
 28th November: PTFA Winter Disco  
 7th December: PTFA Secret Santa Event

10th December: PTFA Christmas Hamper Day  
 14th December: Christmas Jumper Day  
 14th December: EYFS Nativity  
 19th December: Christmas Lunch  
 21st December: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party