



Eagles and Ospreys News

Spring Term 3 2017

Etwell Primary School

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are rested and ready for the Spring term.

Maths and English

Remember:

- * PE kits need to be in school every day.
- * Reading journals will be checked every Friday.
- * Spelling test is every Friday. Please support your child in learning their spellings.
- * Children will have mental maths targets and writing targets glued into their reading journals. Times table are also expected to be practised every week as part of their homework. Please support your child with this.
- * Please can you ensure that your child always has an old shirt/apron in their PE bag for art and design lessons, as they can get quite messy!

English

In English this term we will be studying a non-fiction unit on information texts. We will also be studying a science fiction unit, and we will be reading and writing in this genre.



In our guided reading lessons, we will continue to develop our understanding of texts and our inference and deduction skills. Through our English work

we will also be developing our knowledge of spellings, punctuation and grammar (spag).

Maths

In maths this term, we will be continuing our work on geometry and we will also be learning about decimals and percentages. In addition to this, we will be further developing our knowledge of fractions.



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.

Other subjects

Our **humanities** topic this term will be 'What is so special about the USA?' As part of our work on this topic, we will be studying geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and

physical geography of North America.

In **science** our topic is Earth and Space, and we will be learning all about the Solar System.

In **PE** our themes are tri-golf and athletics. In **RE** our topic is 'What can we

learn from the Hindu way of life?' In **PSHCE** our theme is 'Going for Goals' and in **computing** we are learning about algorithms through the program 'Scratch'. In **German** our theme is food and drink and in art we are learning about textiles and using felt.



Online Safety Week 6th—10th February 2017

We cannot stress enough the importance of keeping your child safe online. Within the school, we teach online safety throughout the year but have a designated week to raise children's awareness.

During this week, the children will be taking part in various activities and discussions as well as having an Online Safety Workshop led by Traci Goode.

We will also be offering parents another chance to attend an Online Safety Workshop on Thursday 9th February at 3.45pm. The course will also be led by Traci Goode who is an e-safety advisor.

Your child will be able to attend After School Club free of charge whilst you attend the meeting. A letter will be sent out closer to the time.



Useful English vocabulary



Children in years 5 and 6 are expected to have a good understanding of the different words classes in the English language. To help your child to develop their knowledge of this, the following vocabulary may be useful:

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.

Relative Clause— Extra detail in a sentence beginning with words such as *who*, *which*, *where*, *when*.

Synonym— words with similar meanings such as cold, icy, wintry.

Homophone— words sounding the same but spelt differently and have different meaning such as here, hear.

Pronouns—replace the nouns such as they, we, he, them, us, this, it.

Noun Phrase— adds information to the noun such as, The fox with the bushy tail.

British Values

It is a statutory requirement of schools to promote British values. So what are British values? According to Ofsted, Fundamental British values are: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. However, long before the government asked all British schools to teach funda-

mental British values, Etwell Primary School have been promoting these values through our own values, curriculum and enrichment. Examples of this include: school council, digital leaders, eco-council, assemblies, high expectations of behaviour, citizenship, R-time, circle time, anti-bullying work, Online Safety work, pupil of the week, citizen of the week,

mini leaders, lunch time helpers, marking and celebrating key religious festivals and opportunities to visit places of worship. We will continue to keep you updated on our work and endeavour to develop our children into responsible and respectful individuals.



Library Club!

Every Monday lunchtime, children will have the opportunity to attend, if they wish, the Library Club run by Mrs Hall. They will have access to adult support, books, iPads and computers to help them consolidate and do further research on work covered in class. If your child is interested, please ask them to speak to their class teacher. Children can attend as often or as little as they feel they need to.



Etwall Library visits

Year 5 and 6 children are very much enjoying their trips to Etwall Library on Thursday afternoons. Staff at the library are impressed with our children's enthusiasm for reading and it is great to see their excitement when they bring back a book they have had on reserve, eager to read it!

A huge thank you to Mrs Gillott, who makes these visits possible by taking groups of children to the library for us every week.



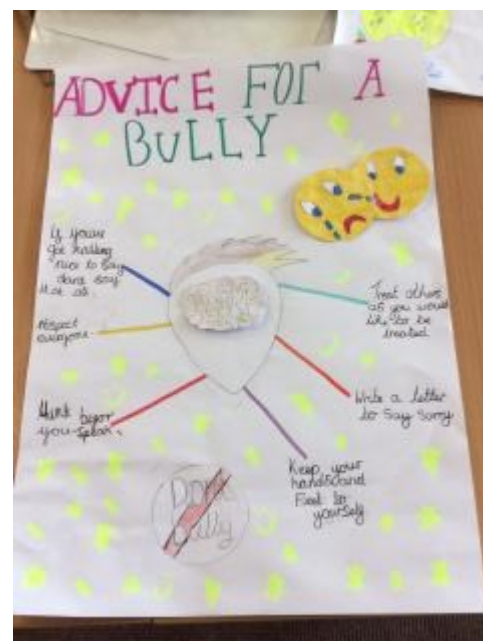
School website

Our school website address is:
www.etwall.derbyshire.sch.uk

Throughout the term we will be updating the class pages under 'children'. Keep checking for information and photos of what your children have been doing in class! We will let the children know whenever it is updated.

Anti-bullying work at Etwall Primary School

During our Autumn term all children participated in the national 'Anti-bullying week'. To see what children got up to during the week and to find information about our ongoing work please visit the school website and look on the 'Preventing and tackling bullying' page. The Keep Safe Committee, run by a mixture of pupils, staff, governors and parents will be meeting shortly to discuss updating our child-friendly anti-bullying policy leaflets.



Recommended Reads

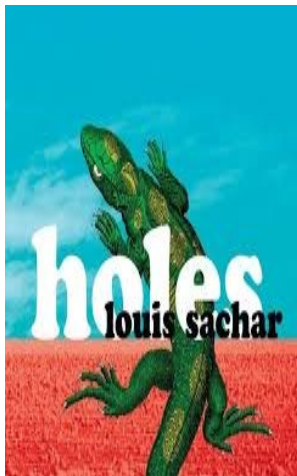
All you do is to look
At a page in this book
Because that's where we always will be.
No book ever ends
When it's full of your friends.

This rhyme is from *The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me*.

Holes—Louis Sachar

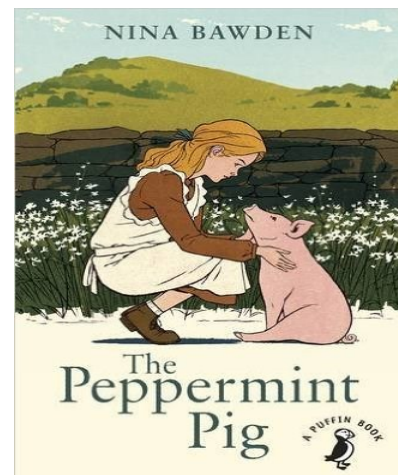
Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake), he is not surprised.

Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth.



The Peppermint Pig—Nina Bawden

Johnnie was only the runt of the litter, a little peppermint pig. He'd cost Mother a shilling, but somehow his great naughtiness and cleverness kept Poll and Theo cheerful, even though it was one of the most difficult years of their lives.



Key dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th January—Back to school

Monday 30th January—Chinese New Year day

Tuesday 7th February—PTFA Film Night

6th—10th February—Online-Safety Week

Friday 10th February—Y5/6 1st Aid in a Day training with St John's Ambulance

Friday 10th February—End of term

