

# Sparrowhawk Year 5 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.

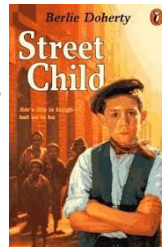
## Maths and English

### Remember:

- \* PE kits need to be in school every day.
- \* Reading journals will be checked every Tuesday.
- \* Spelling test is every Tuesday. 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 Citizenship 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 Christmas 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!

Friday 30th November 3:00—3.30pm  
Computing showcase

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

Thursday 4th April pm—KS2 D&T  
showcase

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

Tuesday 25th June —KS2 outdoor  
learning showcase



## Useful English vocabulary

Children in years 5 are expected to have a sound knowledge 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:

**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, year 5 children will be writing to our partner school in Germany.

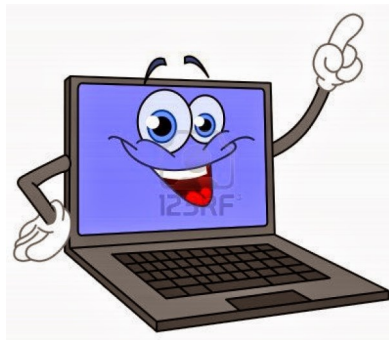
We are very happy that this partnership is to continue, and that the children have the opportunity to make new friends and gain an understanding of the German language and culture.

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.



## PG Films

Throughout the year the children may be watching clips from PG films to support their learning. If you have any questions about this, please come and see your child's class teacher.



## 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.

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## 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

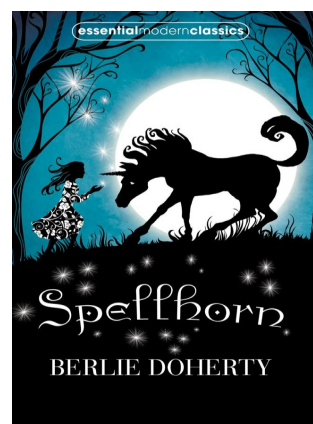
Anthony Horowitz, creator of star teenage spy Alex Rider, launches a phenomenal, action-packed adventure series with Stormbreaker. His teenage hero is cool, contemporary and brave - just the right sort of hero to entice reluctant boy readers, aged 9+, to get reading. As the book opens, Alex discovers 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
- 30th November—Computing Showcase— 3:00—3:30
- 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

