

This term we will be covering:

### In Mathematics

- Counting
- Addition and subtraction
- Shape and pattern
- Money
- Measures
- **Times Tables**



### In English

- Writing for different purposes – stories, posters, character descriptions, instructions, lists, poetry
- Considering ways to improve our writing
- Poetry
- Phonics, spelling and grammar



### In Science

- Animals and humans, naming parts of the body
- Looking at what animals and humans eat

### In Art

- Observational drawings of nocturnal animals
- Charcoal animals
- Collaging using different materials
- Artist Study - David Shepherd.

### In History

- Looking at the work of the Wildlife author and artist Beatrix Potter and contrasting this with a modern day illustrator.

# When It's Dark



We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and we wish you all a Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and our exciting Spring Term.

This term our topic is 'When it's Dark!' The children enjoy this topic because they have opportunities to see and research nocturnal animals. On the other side of this sheet you will find a topic web, which shows the main areas of learning the children will experience during the term. We hope that you will find it interesting and a useful starting point for supporting your child in his/her learning.

We are looking forward to our first trip this academic year to visit the British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield. We also hope to invite some visitors into school to talk to the children such as the Hedgehog Man and Sussex Falconry.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a named PE kit on PE days, this should consist of navy or black leggings or jogging bottoms, a house t shirt and a school jumper or blue hoodie. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. Please also ensure that your child has a named coat.

If you have any queries, concerns or general comments please feel free to get in contact with your child's teacher, either by telephone to the school office or by email.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gilpin, Miss Stuart, Miss Cander and Miss Whyte



### Homework

Your child will continue to bring home weekly homework. This homework book will go home in the book bags on **Fridays** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. The homework will contain a Mathematics, Topic/English and Spelling & Grammar (SPAG) activity which will support your child's learning in school, as well as a phonics section to give you details of the sounds that will be covered that week.

It will also keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom and any special events that are taking place.

### Reading

There are lots of opportunities for reading fun and interesting books around this topic, both fiction and non-fiction books, but it doesn't have to be a book! You can read information about nocturnal animals on the Internet, or search for poems. Book bags should be taken home and brought back to school daily. Children can change their reading books regularly. Please write a short comment or initial to show that your child has read at home or you have read with them.

### Spelling Zappers

Children will receive their Spelling Zappers each week with their focus words for the week on them. Please help your child to learn these words at home.

### **In Computing**

- Using animation programs – 2Create a Story
- Familiarisation with keyboard and shortcut keys
- Word processing skills (including copy and paste, inserting pictures and text boxes) to create fact sheets about nocturnal animals.
- Coding and algorithms
- Online safety

### **In RE and PSHE**

- What friendship means
- Jesus and the twelve disciples
- Festival of Easter



### **In Physical Education**

- Dance – music and movement
- BeeFit – tag rugby and team games

### **In Technology**

- Sliding mechanisms and levers
- Moving pictures
- Using construction kits

