

This term we will be covering:

In Mathematics

- Counting
- Addition and subtraction
- Money problems
- Shape and pattern
- Time
- **Times Tables**



In English

- Elements of a story such as settings and character.
- Writing for different purposes – stories, posters, character descriptions, instructions, lists
- Considering ways to improve our writing.
- Poetry

In Science

- Animals and humans, naming parts of the body, ~~working~~ looking at what animals and humans eat and food chains.



In Art

- Observational drawings of nocturnal animals
- Charcoal animals
- Collaging using different materials
- Looking at the work of the artist 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 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 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.

This term we are going to visit the British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield and we also hope to invite a number of visitors into school to talk to the children such as the Hedgehog Man and Sussex Falconry.

Children will need their PE kits in school all week. If your child wears earring studs, please provide 'micropore' tape, to cover them. Please remember that no other jewellery should be worn at school. If your child likes to wear plimsolls or trainers, please can you check that these still fit. Thank you.

We really enjoy having parents helpers in the classroom so if you are able to help, please speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Gilpin, Mrs Stringer, Mrs McCauley and Miss Stuart



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. Reading books will be changed 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.

Maths Games

Every week, your child will bring a Maths game home for you to play together, to support their Maths learning in a fun way. Please complete the form accompanying the game to tell us how your child got on and return the games each week.

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 skills
- BeeFit

In Technology

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

