

**Woodland Birds, Year 1 and 2
Newsletter 2
Autumn Term 2, 2018
Sparrow, Goldfinch and Robin**

**Muck, Mess and Mixtures
November 2018**



MUCK, MESS AND MIXTURES

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on place value, multiplication and division. We have been learning about ordering numbers and sequencing numbers. We are now going to look at multiplying and dividing by 2, 5, 10 and 3. The children get the chance to explore these in greater depth and are challenged by applying their knowledge to different areas in maths as well as more practical situations.

Literacy

This half term our writing is based on Winnie the Witch which links to our Mess, Muck and Mixtures topic. We will be developing our vocabulary thinking about adjectives, exciting verbs and adverbs. Our ideas and sentences will include similes, alliteration and onomatopoeia. The children will be building on their use of punctuation and grammar. In the second half of the term the children will be following, giving and writing instructions. These will include making a witches hat, making potions and other messy things linked to our topic and core text.

Curriculum foci

Art and Design: We will be exploring many different techniques through colour mixing, making clay cauldrons and christmas mosaics.

Science: The children will be exploring everyday materials by describing their properties, grouping and changing them.

Music: Aside from perfecting our performing skills for the Christmas Nativity, the children will listen to and respond to music through movement.

Computing: We will be learning how to programme Bee Bots by inputting instructions and understanding algorithms.

RE: We will be learning about christmas in the christian church as well as looking at different symbols of christmas and the christmas story.

Home Learning

Our main focus for homework this half term will be to **read daily** and learn number bonds. Weekly number bond challenges will be introduced to maths lessons once a week later this term. Homework reminders will go out every Friday.

Please see the table below which details the days on which each class will have their library days and P.E lessons. Please ensure that your child has their indoor and outdoor P.E kit in school all week. P.E kit should include footwear and clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor activities.

	Sparrow	Goldfinch	Robin
P.E	Monday	Monday	Friday
Library	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday

Key Dates:

15th-20th November - Book Fair

15th November - poetry by heart competition final

16th November - poet Paul Delaney visiting

22nd November - KS1 English workshop for parents

1st December - FOCH Christmas Fete

3rd December - Bishop visiting school

14th December - evening carols at St Mary's Church, Bletchley

19th December - KS1 nativity (9.30am)

21st December - last day of term

Thank you for your support,

Woodland Birds Team.