



# Reception Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2020



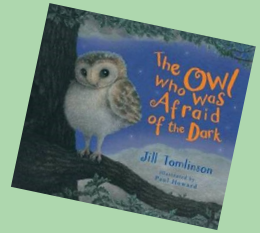
## Who comes out at night?



I hope you have had a lovely half term and excited for the most exciting term yet...The run up to Christmas! This half term, we will be learning all about Nocturnal animals. From bats, to owls to foxes!

We will be reading lots of fiction and non fiction books, including– Owl Babies, The Owl who is Afraid of the Dark, Wow said the Owl and The Very Helpful Hedgehog. Reading these stories will give us some great ideas for our writing and art work– including mini clay hedgehogs, fluffy barn owls and Starry Night time pictures.

This topic lends itself nicely with lots of Science links. We shall be looking at where nocturnal animals lives around the world as well as exploring natural and man made light sources.



### Literacy

In Literacy, we will continue to practise writing our names, although some of us have already cracked this! Our writing is starting to take shape and we are learning to write the initial letter sounds for each word. We will continue to learn more of our letter sounds including, 'c,k,e,h,b,ff'

As soon as it's December, our classroom will change to 'All things Christmassy'

We will be able to explore Santa's Grotto and become an elf for the day, helping to wrap presents. As well as this, we will continue to use our writing skills to write lists to Santa, Christmas cards to our friends, labels for presents and recipes for Christmas biscuits.

### Maths

In maths we will continue to follow our White Rose Maths scheme of work. We will be practising our counting, representing and comparing numbers up to 5. We will begin work on 2d shapes and looking at the properties of circles and triangles. Our Nocturnal topics leads us perfectly onto learning about time– what we do during the day and what we do 'next' and 'later'.

## Christmas

This year Christmas is going to be a little different. We are planning a virtual Christmas Performance!

Prepare for an amazing Christmas story including lots of singing and dancing! Not to be missed...

More info will be provided closer to the time.



## Homework

We will continue to send homework home with your child every week but please can we ask that you are also practising letter formation and name writing on their whiteboards! The children are learning the letter rhymes well and are happy to practise.

This will help massively when they are completing writing activities in class. Thankyou for your continued support.

## Reminder



**To avoid any loss of clothing, please check that ALL clothes are labelled– this includes trousers and skirts!**