



3rd November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Briary after what we hope has been enjoyable and relaxing break for you all.

This term, our main topics are as follows:

Foundation Stage classes will begin their topic of '**Marvellous Minibeasts**' and will be reading 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French and 'Aaaargh Spider' by Lydia Monks. An exciting new venture for the children and us is their woodland adventures. If you haven't yet sent back your child's consent form, then please do so A.S.A.P.

The children have made a super start to their phonics learning. This term, they will be learning lots of new sounds as well as consolidating those introduced in Term 1. They will continue to practise their word building skills (segmenting and blending) every day and to learn how to form letters.

WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

3.10 p.m.

Mrs Gallimore, Mrs James, Mrs Boughton and Mrs Batey warmly welcome you to attend a brief drop in session about phonics and Rainbow Spellings.

Where: **Marmaduke's Classroom**

ALL YEAR R PARENTS WELCOME

We can look after the children for you in Elmer's classroom.

In maths the children will continue to consolidate numbers to 10 (and beyond), learning to recognise, order and write the numerals. The children will also continue their seasonal learning and also plan to do some Christmas baking as they learn about how we celebrate different festivals.

Reception classes are open for informal drop in sessions after school on Fridays until 3.20pm. This is a chance for you to join us in celebrating your child's WOW moments and a chance to ask any questions you may have about your child's learning. We wouldn't expect you to come every week, just as and when you wanted. Please speak to us if you work every Friday and you would like us to try to arrange an alternative.



Year 1

We start this term with a trip to the Activity Box to round up our learning on last term's story, 'The Snail and the Whale'. Our topic is '**Let's Celebrate**'. We will explore the history of Bonfire Night, and discuss how we celebrate it today, and will

create our own firework celebration painting in art. As Christmas comes closer, we will be looking at how Christmas was celebrated in the past, and how we celebrate it today. In English, we will be studying 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will continue to focus on the primary skills of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and will begin to increase our use of adjectives (describing words). In RE we will be looking at the story of the Nativity – which we shall be performing at **10 a.m. Thursday 14th December**. We do not issue tickets for this event. Simply turn up on the day. In PHSE we will look at medicines. During maths we will be looking at subtraction using number facts to 20, 2D and 3D shapes and place value within 20. Jeffers Class will continue their swimming lessons on Mondays, which run until Monday 11th December. Donaldson will have their PE lesson on Thursdays and Friday (gym and games), and Jeffers will have gym/games on Fridays.



Year 2 classes will learn about the Plague and the Great Fire of London. We are hoping to have a workshop to inspire the children and help them with writing recounts about events of that time. Our text for the term, 'The Great Fire' by Jill Atkins, will also help the children to develop their empathy and understanding of how people must have felt during these times. In maths, we will continue to learn our times tables. The focus for Year 2 is the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also be continuing to learn about addition and subtraction and then money. In music, some of us will be learning to play the recorder and we will be learning Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas show which will be at St Peter's Church on **Thursday 7th December at 10am**. Carle class will continue to have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (dance and games) and Ahlberg will have their PE lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays (games and dance).

In Years 1 and 2 PSHE, we will learn about 'Me and Drugs and Medicine', which covers the importance of taking medicine and who gives it to us. This will be pitched at a level appropriate to the age of the children; we will deal sensitively with any issues that arise.

Across the Infants, we will be looking at Christmas traditions and sharing Christmas stories, songs and poems towards the end of term. **Here are some important diary dates for the festive season:**

- Year 2 Christmas Show, at St. Peter's Church in Greenhill: **Thursday 7th December** at 10 a.m.
- Year 1 Christmas Nativity at Briary: **Thursday 14th December** at 10am.
- Year R Sing Song and Cake at Briary: **Friday 15th December** – p.m. (details to follow).



Home learning

The children in the Infants all have Learning Journals, which they bring home. Teachers use these to give challenges for the children and to let parents know what topics we are covering. The children really enjoy showing their books in school and it is a good way for them to talk to you about their school activities. Some parents also like to put other entries in, for example if they have been on a day trip or it has been their birthday. That is absolutely fine!

The **most important** thing you can do to support your child at school is to read with them regularly. We encourage the children to change their books whenever necessary and are happy for them to do so every day if they wish. Every Friday we check their Home Reading Record and all the children who have read **five** times a week will be put on the Star Readers chart. As they earn more and more stars they will receive prizes!

Uniform

As the weather gets worse, all the children are asked to wear a coat to school each day. We go out in all weathers and it is important that they are warm enough. Finally, a polite reminder that all clothing should be named including all items of PE kit, which should be left in school. Some children have still not brought their P.E kits back into school this term and they do need it every week.

Reminders

Please always phone the office first thing if your child is going to be absent (e.g. they are too ill to come to school). This means that we know your child is safe. If you don't phone and we can't get hold of you and your child is not in school, we don't know they are safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Briary Primary School is a **Nut Free School** due to the fact that several of our pupils have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts including:- peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, pecans, walnuts, nut oils, nut flavourings etc., body lotions, shampoos etc. containing any nuts. Touching, smelling or eating any of these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction. Therefore, for the safety of these pupils we have asked all our parents not to send any food containing these items to school. We do understand this can be problematic, but do thank all our parents for their understanding and co-operation in this matter.



Dates for your Diary!

Please be reminded that dates are being added all year and to keep a look out for them on the Bulletin, Newsletters and website.

Monday 6 th November	Year 1 - Swimming (Jeffers)	12.30pm
Tuesday 7 th November	Open Morning – Reception 2018	9.15am – 10.45am
	Jeffers Class Trip to The Activity Box	1.00pm - 2.30pm
	Parents Evening	3.15pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Solihull Parenting Course (CC)	9.30am – 11.30am
	Donaldson Class Trip to The Activity Box	1.00pm – 2.30pm
	Parents Evening	4.15pm – 7.15pm
Thursday 9 th November	Year R Thornden Wood Visit (11 children)	
Friday 10 th November	Prizewinners Cinema Trip	9.30am – 12.00pm
Monday 13 th November	Year 1 Swimming (Jeffers)	12.30pm
	Open Evening – Reception 2018	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Solihull Parenting Course (CC)	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 16 th November	Year R Thornden Wood Visit (11 children)	
Friday 17 th November	Athlete Visit – GB Rugby Player	
Monday 20 th November	School Photos	
	Year 1 - Swimming (Jeffers)	12.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Solihull Parenting Course (CC)	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 23 rd November	SEN/Second Hand Uniform Coffee Morning	9.00am
	Year R Thornden Wood Visit (11 children)	
Monday 27 th November	Year 1 - Swimming (Jeffers)	12.30pm
Wednesday 29 th November	Solihull Parenting Course (CC)	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 30 th November	School Council Forum Year 2 Reps Swalecliffe	9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 1 st December	Clubs Finish	

Monday 4 th December	Year 1 - Swimming (Jeffers)	12.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Solihull Parenting Course (CC)	9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 8 th December	Grandparents Coffee Club	9.00am
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 - Swimming (Jeffers)	12.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Solihull Parenting Course (CC)	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 14 th December	Year 1 – Nativity	10.00am
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Christmas Dinner	
	Reception – Sing Along	2.00pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Key Stage 1 – Christmas Party	AM
	End of Term 2	1.15pm

Many thanks

Infant staff