



Noisy Nightlife!

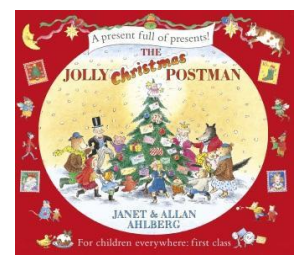
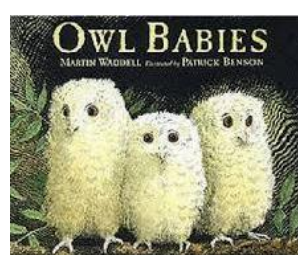
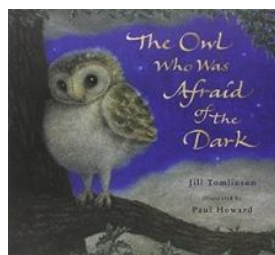
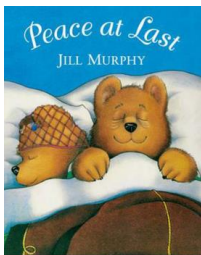



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term.

Our topic this term is 'Noisy Nightlife'. We will be spending time learning about nocturnal animals and winter celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance and Christmas. We will try to light our own fires at Forest School. As well as this, we will be learning about Diwali to develop our cultural awareness. As part of this topic, we will begin to look at 'Light and Dark, non-fiction books and will be writing letters, lists and invitations.


Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



<p><u>Understanding of the World</u>          Learning about nocturnal animals          Light and Dark          Different celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u>          Understanding differences.          Safety and rules in different situations          Working together</p>	<p><u>Expressive Art &amp; Design</u>          Diwali art          Christmas craft          Cards &amp; Decorations</p>
<p><u>Communication and Language</u>          Listening and following instructions          Thinking and talking about feelings          Understanding and sequencing stories and events</p>		<p><u>Physical Development</u>          Fine motor skills – Holding pencils correctly, threading,          Spatial awareness when moving          Letter formations</p>
<p><u>Religious Education</u>          What is a prayer?          What is assembly?          What is Christmas about?</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u>          Counting skills &amp; recognising numbers          Exploring capacity and money          Using mathematical vocabulary          Understanding 'more' and 'less'</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u>          Letters and sounds, matching the written letter with the sound it makes.          Writing captions, lists and letters.          Exploring non-fiction books</p>

## Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last term's home learning tasks including reading with your children. The children have already made great progress with learning sounds and every read will help this to become more secure.

<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes. It is really important that the children bring their book bags, their reading record and their reading book into school <b>every day</b> . When reading with your child please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <b>signing and dating in the comments book</b> , or you may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary. We will change their books when appropriate.
<b>Letters &amp; Sounds</b>	The children will continue to have the phonics and tricky words learned each week <b>highlighted</b> in their phonics and tricky word booklets. In their home learning book, the children can practice these sounds by writing them, finding words that start with them and cutting pictures out of catalogues.  It would be really useful to support the children in identifying these sounds when reading with them.
<b>My Maths</b> 	The children will be sent home a My Maths letter with an individual log in. They can log on to the website and play mathematical games. This home learning activity in Reception is optional and the children can explore the different games on the site in preparation for set tasks as they move through the school. Please note that the My Maths programme starts with the Year one maths curriculum.

### Key questions to ask your child at home:

- Which animals come out at night?
- Why does the world get dark?
- Who works at night time?
- What sounds can you hear at night time?



### Useful Websites

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) and [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) for Literacy and Maths games.  
[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) Phase 2 and 3 games, blending sounds and words.

### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day. It is important that water bottles are only filled with water, and not juice.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our PE day is Monday but PE kits should be in all week.

We hope you all have lovely second term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Munn, Mrs Boldero and Miss Bews

