



St Giles' School

Newsletter

23rd November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week this week and I have been so impressed with the learning that I am seeing across the school! In Reception, the children were counting one more and one less and were using a number line to support them. The writing about 'Birthdays from around the World' has amazed me in Year 1, with some really greater depth writing beginning to appear from some of the children! In Year 2, the children have been tackling problems using the 'part whole model' and 'bar models' – ask them to show you!

Here is a flavour of next week's learning, from each of the year groups.



Early Years Foundation Stage - Owls



Maths

To use everyday language related to time.

To measure short periods of time in simple ways.

To count on from a given number.



Weight: To use mathematical language to talk about weight.

To order two or three items by weight.

To recognise the days of the week

English

To use story language in talk and in writing.

To use phonic knowledge to write.

Daily phonics and handwriting sessions focusing on reading and writing simple cvc words (pet, job, vet)

RE

Our world is a gift from God, why is our world special and why is it important to look after our world?

Topic

This week children will be working on their Art project for Guildford Cathedral creating a giant 3D papier mache angel and decorating stars for St Giles Church too.



Our story of the week is The Nutcracker, children will practise verbally re-telling the story and have a go at making their own book about it.



Year 1 – Squirrels



Topic: Weddings

English

Write a story with a beginning, middle and end using interesting adjectives and write an invitation and a poem for a wedding

Maths

Learning about Addition and problem solving using the part whole model

Use the dot paper to help you work out the missing number:

5 + 0 = 5
 1 + = 5
 2 + = 5
 3 + = 5
 4 + = 5
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There is many other to help her work out the missing number in the part whole model. She knows a total of 10 and a number of 4, and then wants to find the missing number.

4 + = 10

Can you notice a pattern to find the final missing number?

3 + = 10

Science

Winter Animals



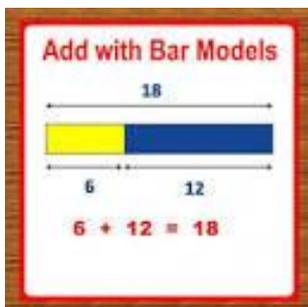
Year 2 – Rabbits and Badgers

Maths

Continuing to explore Money:

Making the same amounts in different ways

Finding change



Using bar models and part whole models

English

Writing narratives using story language and structures

Including noun phrases, co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions

Proof reading and editing work

We will also be continuing our Wild topic through Geography, looking at a wilderness in a non-EU country and studying habitats in Science.

We will also continue our nativity rehearsals. **The lines will be sent home in due course for you to practise at home.**



Christmas Fair

Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Fair that we have already received. Next Friday is the Fair itself. If you are able to spare a little bit of time to help on one of the stalls please do speak to one of the PTA members. The Christmas Fair is a crucial fundraiser for St Giles' so please do support the PTA – thank you.



St Giles' Stars

Well done to all of our certificate children for this week – what amazing role models you all are!

Owls – Hunter Sewell, Addison Hunter and Jude Francis

Squirrels – Willow Richards, Rosie Kerwick and James Galbraith

Rabbits – Nicky Smith, Harley Stone and Oscar Barthram

Badgers – Rosa Mills, Elena Tallante-Solozabal and Jamie Kerwick



Library

Many thanks to the parents who kindly help us each week with the library. The children have been making great use of the library this term and enjoying the addition of lots of lovely new books. Many thanks to the parent volunteers that come in every Friday to run the library. As we near the end of term, please do check at home and make sure all library books are returned before the holidays. If you think you might have mislaid a book, please have a chat to Mrs Angus. We won't be running a library session next Friday (30th November) as the volunteers will be busy preparing for the Christmas Fair that evening, but please ensure that all books are returned the following week or by Friday 14th December at the latest.

We are always happy to have extra helpers in the library, so if you are, or can be, DBS checked, please get in touch with Louise Targett - louise.targett@yahoo.co.uk or sign up for the rota <https://doodle.com/poll/tt7gt49yuggykh87>

Year 1 Swimming

We are starting to sort the parent helper rota for Year 1 swimming, which will be starting in January. Please could you let the office know if you are able to help with walking the children to and from Freeman's school (even if you are only able to help with one or two sessions, we would be very grateful).



Spare clothing

We are still short of spare underwear (girls and boys), red tights and white or grey socks – if you have any of these which you would be happy to donate to school, please do drop them into the office – thank you.



Attendance

Please can I remind you that I am unable to authorise any leave of absence unless the reason falls under the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria. Please do bear this in mind before booking family holidays. Leave of absence which is 5 days or more could incur a penalty notice which is issued by the local authority.

Attendance for this week:

Owls – 96.6%

Squirrels – 93.5%

Rabbits – 97.1%

Badgers – 94.2%

Well done to RABBITS class!

Whole school attendance is currently 95.75%

Have a lovely week end everyone and see you next week!

Best wishes,

Mrs Nicky Angus
Headteacher



Autumn term Diary Dates

Monday 10th December at 9.30am and 1.45pm – Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 11th December at 9.30am – Christmas Nativity

Monday 17th December – Christmas Lunch in school

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas parties during school time

Wednesday 19th December - End of term Service at St Giles' Church and break up at 1.45pm

Christmas PTA Dates



Thursday 29th/Friday 30th November – donation of Christmas cakes or bakes

Friday 30th November 5pm – 7pm – Christmas fair for our children, with a special visit from Father Christmas

Sunday 2nd December – Christmas tree delivery

Wednesday 5th December – Wreath making evening

Friday 7th December – Cocktails & Candlelight shopping evening