



## Squirrel Class Newsletter

### Spring term 1 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year. We hope you and the children enjoyed the Christmas break.

This term, in **English** we will be starting with writing a story based on the Michael Morpurgo book, *Wombat Goes Walkabout*. We will then use the rest of our time this half term studying non-fiction texts and writing a report on toys from the past. In **maths**, year 1 will develop their knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction over 10. Year 2 will be look at money and will start to explore multiplication and division. In **science** we will be looking at our five senses and why we have them. In **geography** we planned for the children to look at different weather changes around the world in the term autumn 2. However, instead they continued with history and studied Rosa Parks. Therefore, the children will be completing the geography unit this half term instead. The children will continue to have a daily **phonics** session and will be sent home with three books to read at home. Please ensure the children are reading regularly at home with an adult and that this is recorded in their reading record. In **RE** the children will be exploring Christianity and learning what Jesus taught about God in his parables. **PE** will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Thursday where we will be concentrating on gymnastics and sending and receiving skills. Finally, this term we will be studying **Art** where we are looking at how human bodies and faces are portrayed in artwork.

#### What you can do at home?

Please continue to support your child to practice their weekly spellings. New spellings will be sent home each Monday to be tested the following Monday. Please ensure the children bring their spellings books back to school on this day.

Please also encourage your child to take part in the reading challenge and read at home as often as possible.

Year 2 are continuing to develop their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. These are tested each week on Wednesday. Please also ensure they have their times tables book in their bags on this day.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Allen