



Squirrel Class Newsletter

Autumn term 1 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Squirrels class year 2 and welcome to squirrel class year 1. We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and are looking forward to returning to the classroom.

This half term is filled with some exciting and interesting topics. In **English** we will be basing our writing on the book *The Queen's Hat* before moving onto some non-fiction writing based on the Great Fire of London. This will link well to our **History** lessons where we will be learning about the events of the Great Fire of London. In **maths** we will begin the year looking at place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. In **science** the children will be exploring the question 'How and why do we group everyday materials?' In **RE** the children will be exploring Judaism and why Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year. This year Squirrels **PE** will be on a Monday and Tuesday where we will be concentrating on fundamental skills and ball games. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE kit on these days. Finally, in **Art** the children will be developing their drawing skills.

The children will also have a daily **phonics** session and will be sent home with three books to read at home. Please ensure your child brings these three books to school each day along with their reading record. Please also encourage your child to take part in the reading challenge and read at home as often as possible and record this in their reading record.

Towards the end of this half term, once the class has had a chance to settle back into the school routine the children will have a spellings test every Friday. These will be sent home with the children each week so they can practice at home. Please support your child to learn these each week.

This year Squirrel class will be supported by Mrs Yarrow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Morris on Thursday and Friday.

Remember, the class twitter page will be updated with class activities and achievements each week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Allen