



Squirrel Class Newsletter

Autumn term 2 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you and the children enjoyed your time over half term. I have written an overview of what the children will be learning this half term.

In **English** we will be spending the first couple of completing our diary writing about the Great Fire of London. We will then move on to our narrative writing of Pinocchio. In **maths** we will be carrying on with addition and subtraction and will progress onto shapes in geometry. In **science** we will continue to look at materials and discover how we use different materials every day. In **geography** the children will be exploring the world's oceans and how we can protect them for future generations. 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 bring these three books to school each day along with their reading record. In **RE** the children will be answering the question 'Why was Jesus given the name saviour?'. **PE** will continue to be on a Monday and a Tuesday where we will be concentrating on gymnastics and invasion games. Finally, in **Design and Technology** the children will be learning about mechanisms and will be creating their own fairground wheels.

This half term KS1 will come together with EYFS to rehearse the nativity play. The children will be practicing their lines and songs on select afternoons during the week.

What you can do at home?

We have begun to test the children on their spellings. New spellings will be sent home each Friday to be tested the following Friday. Please support your child to learn these each week.

Year 2 also have a times tables test every Thursday. They will begin with the 2 times tables before moving to 5s and 10s. Any practice you can do at home is a great help.

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.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Allen