



Squirrel Class Newsletter

Spring term 1 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you and the children had a wonderful Christmas break.

This term, in **English** we will be starting with writing a recount of what the children did during the Christmas break. We will then begin with a focus on non-fiction writing and exploring big cats. We will then move onto our next narrative module of The Storm Whale. In **maths**, Squirrels will be exploring place value, weight and mass, geometry and will begin to build knowledge of money. In **science** we will be looking at plants and experimenting to see what they need to survive and grow. In **history** we will be investigating how Mary Seacole & Florence Nightingale served their country. In **RE** the children will be focusing on the Muslim religion and exploring the question: '*How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?*'. Finally, this term we will be studying **art** where we will be using paint to mix colours and create picture by printing with paint.

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.

What you can do at home?

Please continue to support your child to practice their weekly spellings. New spellings will be sent home each Friday to be tested the following Friday. 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 Thursday. 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