



Squirrel Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1 – 2024/2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and the children had a lovely, relaxing Easter and are well rested for the new half term! It has been brilliant to welcome all the children back. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead!

Learning in the Spring Term

This term, in **English** the children will be writing stories based on the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. We will then use the rest of our time this half term writing our own non-fiction texts based on the book 'How to Make a Bird Feeder'. In **Mathematics**, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of money and will then learn about fractions. In **Science** the children will be learning about diet and health, and will find out what we need to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle. In **History**, the children will learn how travel has changed over time. In **RE** the children will be exploring Judaism and will learn why Jewish families say so many prayers and blessings. In **PE** this half term, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of net and wall games and will develop their team building skills. While in **PSHE**, the children will learn what is good for their health and wellbeing. In **Music**, the children will learn how timbre, dynamics and tempo affects the mood of a song. In **Computing**, the children will explore algorithms. Finally, this term we will be studying **Art** where the children will develop their crafting and design skills by creating their own maps.

Reading and Homework

Please listen to your child read on a daily basis as it will help them progress. Your child will bring a reading book and their reading record home every day and this needs to be returned to school daily. After hearing your child read, date the entry, make a comment and initial. The reading challenge will continue this term to inspire the children to develop a love of reading and get them into the habit of reading daily.



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Your child has been given a schedule for their times tables tests in their homework book. We will have a tables test every Wednesday. Your child will be tested on the same times tables for two weeks running. The children will be given a template and not expected to write the number sentences.

We have assessed your child's spelling ability and your child has been given a schedule of spellings to learn each week in their homework book. Spelling tests will be every Thursday.

Each week, homework will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and will need to be returned completed on Tuesday to ensure it can be marked. In addition to this, the children will also receive a home learning project based on our learning in History this half term. This will help children learn about their unit of work both at school and outside of school.

PE kits

PE will be on Mondays and Tuesday this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning and find out about whole school updates.

Mr Rolfe