



## Squirrel Class Newsletter

### Autumn term 1 2025

Dear parents/carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school at the beginning of the autumn term. The children have settled back nicely into the school routine, and have already produced some lovely work.

#### Learning in Autumn Term 1

This half-term is filled with some exciting and interesting topics. In **English** we will be basing our writing on the story of Pinocchio and the children will be writing their own stories based on this. In our **History** lessons we will be learning about The Great Fire of London and how this impacted people's lives. In **Maths** the children will develop their confidence with number and develop an understanding of place value. Furthermore, they will develop secure methods to calculate with addition and subtraction. In **Science** the children will be learning about everyday materials, identifying different materials and exploring their qualities to understand why they are used for making different things. In **Computing**, the children will explore technology and develop their mouse skills. In **PE** this half-term, the children will develop their fundamental skills and will develop their knowledge of ball games. While in **PSHE** the children will focus on keeping safe in relation to medications, food safety and how to contact emergency services. During this year, year 1 will join Rabbit class and year 2 will join Badger class for selected subjects. In **RE**, year 1 children will focus on Christianity and will explore what the word 'God' means. Meanwhile, year 2 will join Badger class to focus on Judaism. In their **Art** lessons, year 1 will discover the work of Henri Matisse and will create drawings based on his work. Year 2 will be looking at prehistoric art and creating cave paintings.

Squirrel class will have PE together as a class

on a Wednesday. Year 2 will then have PE on a Thursday and Year 1 will have PE on Friday. Please ensure children are sent to school wearing correct PE kits on these days.

#### Reading and Homework

Please ensure you 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.

Homework will be issued at the start of each half term in the form of a project, linking to something that the children are studying in school. This half term we have decided to theme this around our History topic. Children have the whole half term to complete the project. Details of the project will be sent home with the children over the next couple of weeks.



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We will assess your child's spelling ability and will provide them with an appropriate spelling list for each half term. This will be found in their reading record. I will carry out small progress spellings tests each week and then the children will have the main spelling test during the final week of the half term. Spelling books will be sent home so you can see how your child has done. Please ensure these are returned the following day.

Squirrel class will also be tested on their times tables starting with the 2x table. We will begin this later this half term and more information will be sent out soon. However, in the meantime any practice of the 2x table will be beneficial.

The children have made a great start to the term, I am looking forward to working with the class and hope they continue to grow and flourish in Squirrel Class.

Mrs Allen