



Squirrel Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 – 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and a well-deserved rest from the normal school routine. Thank you for the kind and generous Christmas cards, gifts and wishes we received at the end of last term, we are very grateful. It has been lovely to welcome the children to school at the beginning of the spring term.

Learning in the Spring Term

This term, in **English** we will be starting with writing a story based on the book, *The Storm Whale*. We will then use the rest of our time this half term studying poetry looking at the text *The Desk Diddler*. In **Mathematics**, the children will develop their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In **Science** we will be looking at plants and what they need to grow and survive. In **History**, the children will learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and draw comparisons between their lives. In **RE**, year 1 will be studying Judaism and will focus on the question: *Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?* Year 2 will focus on Christianity and will answer the question: *What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?* While in **PSHE**, the children will learn about what makes a family. In **Computing**, the children will explore moving robots where they will have an opportunity to programme a BeeBot to follow a set of instructions. Finally, this term we will be studying **Art** where year 1 will be painting and exploring mixing colours and year 2 will be focusing on their drawing skills.

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.



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Spellings will continue to be provided at the beginning of each half term. The children will have mini tests each Monday. Spelling books will be sent home so you can see how your child has done. Please ensure these are returned the following day.

Our homework task about Climate Justice has been sent home with the children. This is due back by the 6th February.

We have had an excellent first few days back, the children seem refreshed and have been so enthusiastic about the learning in the classroom.

Mrs Allen