Barningham CEVC Primary School

Squirrel Class Newsletter

Autumn term 2 2026

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term. We are excited to welcome the children back this half term. The run up to Christmas is always a busy and exciting time. Please find an overview of what the children will be learning.

Learning in Autumn Term 2

Subject	Learning
Maths	Addition and Subtraction (within 20) Place Value (up to 100) Shape
English	Information texts based on bold women in black history.
Science	Animals including humans – Life cycles?
RE	Islam: How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?
DT	Sewing – making Christmas stockings
Music	School Nativity – It's a Party The children will be bringing home scripts, please help them to practise their lines.
History	The History of Toys

Squirrel class will have PE on a Wednesday and a 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.

Children can take part in the school reading challenge, with house teams competing to win a cosy reading session. During the session, children can share stories, enjoy hot chocolate and bring a soft toy, blanket or pillow from home. All children have been asked to read at home daily and record this in their reading diaries. Activities that count include listening to an audiobook, sharing a book with an adult and reading a magazine. Each child who reads 7 times receives a raffle ticket and a sticker in our celebration assembly, where one ticket is drawn to win a book. Each week, the house team with the most tickets is added to the

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reading challenge display in the hall. The team that has read the most by the end of the term wins the cosy reading session.

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. 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.

Year 2 and 3 will need to complete the assigned games on Times Tables Rock Stars each week. These are available under 'Garage Sessions'. Their individual log in details will be stuck into their reading record.

Mrs Allen and Ms Hammond