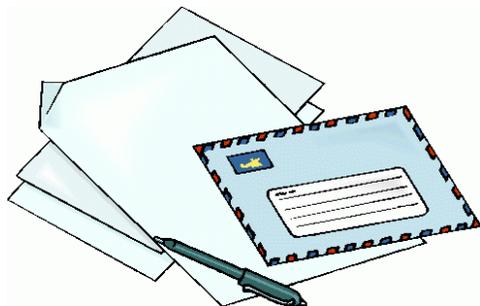


Role Play

Role play is an important way that the children learn . It fosters imaginative play, reading, writing and numeracy.

Our role play area will be set up as a home corner and then as the children's learning about the topic develops we will be changing it into a post office.



If you have anything at home which you could donate to add to these are-

as it would be much appreciated.

For example envelopes, stamps, old letters .

Nutty The Squirrel

Nutty the Squirrel is our mascot this year, he is great friends with Harry Hedgehog and is excited to start visiting the children's homes. Please support your child to complete his diary when he visits.



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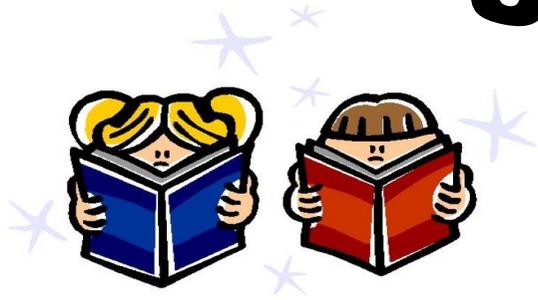


Parent Information Leaflet

Welcome To The Squirrels



Reading



We aim to rapidly develop your child's reading ability and also a love of books. Please continue to hear your child regularly and record any comments in their reading records. We are aiming to hear the children read individually at least once a week by a member of staff and once a week in a guided reading group. Sometimes they will be heard by parent volunteers and students. If your child has read their books please ask them to place their book bag in the 'books to be changed box' and we will change them. However we will only change them if a comment has been recorded in their reading record.

There will be greater concentration on the fluency of reading, expression and understanding during Year One. Talking about the book is as important as reading the words, so please try to chat about the stories you are reading when you listen to your child read.

Any questions about reading, please feel free to ask.

Phonics



Children in Year One will continue to develop their phonics skills from last year. This will entail consolidating their learning of the long vowel phonemes in longer words and learning alternative representations of these for example 'ee, e, y, i, ea' and further developing their recognition of tricky words. They will also learn to spell further high frequency tricky words and common exception words.

There will be a phonics session for parents on [Wednesday 28th September at 3.30pm](#).

This will be a practical and fun session where we aim to show you how best to support and challenge your child at home, and we will cover techniques and strategies for both reading, early writing and spelling. Previous attendees have commented very positively on how helpful it was for them.



We will also provide a free crèche for those of you who #require childcare during the workshop. There will also be cakes and refreshments available!

We hope to see you all there!

Our Learning

Our topic this term is 'on a walk'. We will be using this topic to cover science, geography, literacy, music, numeracy, art, DT & ICT learning. Our RE learning will focus on Harvest and 'our church' and our PSHE learning will focus on 'dental hygiene'.

Year 1

We will be learning:

- Problem solving, mental strategies, counting, ordering & estimating, place value, addition and subtraction and shape and measuring.
- Labels, lists and captions, Roald Dahl, stories with familiar settings and stories with repeated language.
- Seasonal changes
- About our local area and the important places within it.
- About maps, routes and aerial views.
- To use our scientific skills to answer questions.



Our Adults

We are lucky enough to have lots of adults helping us learn in Squirrel Class. Mrs Keep teaches us all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Keep is in school on Thursdays if you need to speak to her.

Mrs Mitchell teaches us on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Cotter is one of our teaching assistants and supports us every morning and some of the afternoon sessions too.

Miss Hawkins supports our learning in the afternoons.

Miss Roe is a student teaching assistant and support us every day except Thursdays.

Parent Helpers Needed!

We are always looking for volunteers to come into the classroom to help with jobs like hearing people read, helping with creative activities, changing reading books and supporting children with classroom activities. Even if you can offer a small amount of time we would love your help!



Snack Time

A snack of either fruit or vegetables will continue to be provided for children in Year One. Children can choose to have the snack provided at school or you may wish to send an alternative piece of fruit in their lunchbox.

Children can choose to have milk in Year One and there is a small charge, for more information please see the office. Children are encouraged to bring water into the classroom and this is available throughout the school day. Water bottles are available at the office.

Remember well hydrated children learn better!



Homework

Year 1

Homework will be given out on Wednesday 14th September and will be collected in on Wednesday 19th October.

Children will be given a selection of different activities that they can complete over the term. We expect each child to complete one activity of their choice each week. If your child would like to complete more than one activity per week then this is excellent!

Any written recording can be completed using the blank pages in their homework book. Some tasks may not have a final written end product. Instead you may use photos, videos or comments on tapestry or simply write a comment on the homework diary page of their book, to indicate your child has completed a more practical task. Feel free to bring in any homework once complete to share with the class for example any junk modelling crocodiles or autumn collections. If you need any additional paper or resources please ask

It is important that you continue to listen to your child read as regularly as possible (at least three times a week).

If you have any questions about homework please feel free to ask. If you are unsure how to support your child with a task please let us know and we will try to give you more guidance.



PE

Mondays & Fridays

Please ensure your child has the correct (named) PE kit on these days. Children will need trainers or plimsolls on Fridays as PE will take place outside. Please ensure long hair is tied back and no earrings are worn.



Wow Moments!

Wow moments!

We really value your knowledge of your child. It is really helpful if you can contribute to their achievements too. Please make a note of anything new your child does at home. This will be added to your child's record and help us to build a more complete picture of them. You can also take photos or send anything in they may have made or recorded at home too. You can also add photos or comments straight to your child's tapestry account. There is also space in their reading diaries to add any wow moments or any other comments you wish to make.



Queries

If you have any queries at all please feel free to ask!

