

Squirrel Class Newsletter 2023 - Terms 1 & 2



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a super summer holiday and are ready for a fun term of learning! We have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know the children during the first week of term. All of the children have returned to school with a really positive attitude to their learning, which has been fantastic to see.

Our topic this term is 'Childhood'. During this topic we will investigate what everyday life was like in the 1950s and compare it with life today. We will learn words and phrases to describe the passing of time and explore artefacts to help us understand childhood in the past and how childhood has changed over time. We will find out about everyday life in the 1950s, including shopping, transport, family life and toys. We will think about how we have changed since we were babies and plot important events in our lives on a timeline. We will also learn about the significance of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 by studying photographs and online sources, and will compare this to the recent coronation of King Charles III.

In **English** we will link our writing to our topic of childhood. We will write autobiographies, using sequencing words to order events and information. We will use our knowledge about life in the 1950s to write a non-chronological report. Closer to Christmas we will share some Christmas poems and write Christmas riddles.

In **Maths** we will be sorting and counting objects, counting on from any number and counting back from 10, comparing numbers using the correct symbols and using number lines.

Reading records and reading books will be sent home next week. Please bring these to school **every day**. The children will be asked to put their reading records and books in a basket if they need to change their book. It is important that their books come to school every day so that when they read with an adult in school this can be recorded in their reading record.

Home learning books will go home Friday 15th September. In this book you will find a Home Learning Grid, with a range of activities linked to our topic. The children can complete as many of these activities as they want to over the course of the term, and return their book to school when they have completed one. As well as these activities, please read with your child every evening.

The children have 2 P.E. lessons a week. This term it is on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. The Wednesday lesson is with our TeamTheme coach. Please ensure that your child has a full, named P.E. kit in school. For health and safety reasons, children wearing earrings will not be able to participate in P.E. lessons, so please ensure earrings are removed on our P.E days.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 20th September 9:00-9:30am** – Phonics Session for parents of YR, Y1, Y2 and Y3
- **Friday 22nd September at 10.00am** – Harvest Service
- **Friday 29th September** – Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine Wellbeing Show
- **Monday 2nd October** – Individual and family group photos
- **Wednesday 4th October 3:30-6:00pm, Thursday 5th October 3:30-6:00pm** – Parent Consultations
- **Monday 16th October** – Flu immunisations Year R-6
- **Friday 20th October** – Non-uniform day £1:00 donation
- **Friday 20th October at 2.45pm** – Wonder Learning Walk. Parents are invited to visit classes to see some of the incredible work pupils have completed this term
- **Friday 20th October** – end of term
- **Tuesday 31st October** – term starts

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Thomas, Mrs Wickham and Mrs Bellevue