

Squirrel Class Newsletter January 2024 - Terms 3 & 4



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday. We would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received in December.

Our topic this term is '**Bright Lights, Big City!**' During this topic we will learn about the physical and human characteristics of the UK, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of London. We will develop our **Geographical** knowledge through looking at maps, learning about the equator, hemispheres and continents, and will carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features.

In **English** we will link our writing to our topic of 'Bright Lights Big City'. We will read a variety of stories and information books about cities and about London. Our writing will focus on postcards, stories and using imperative verbs to write directions from one London landmark to another.

In **Maths** we will be developing our understanding of place value to 20 by finding one more and one less, comparing and ordering number and using a number line to estimate. We will use knowledge of number bonds to 20 to help us when adding and subtracting and apply our knowledge to solving missing number problems.

Please continue to send **reading books and reading records** into school every day. We will change books on a Monday and a Thursday.

We have been really impressed with all the fantastic home learning that many of the children have completed so far this year. **Home learning** books will be sent home next week with a new home learning grid. We are also excited to introduce our new Spelling Shed resource, which is a fun and engaging way for children to practise their spellings. As well as setting challenges to compete at home, we will be using this website in class to practise phonics and spelling. A Username and Password will be sent home next week.

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

- Tuesday 16th January – In school Drama workshops
- Tuesday 6th February – KS1 Film Night
- Friday 9th February – Reports sent home
- Friday 9th February – End of Term

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