



# Squirrel Class News

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the year ahead in Squirrel class. I am very excited to teach my new class. Our topic for this term is '**Great and ghastly events**' with a focus on the **Great fire of London** for this half term.

As **writers** we will be writing a story in a familiar setting based on 'Knuffle Bunny'. We will also be writing a historical recount in the form of a diary entry based on the Great fire of London. As **mathematicians** we will be focussing on number and place value and addition and subtraction. In **science** we will be looking at living things and their habitats, so we will be spending some time outside, looking at the habitats we have in the school grounds. In **history** we will be looking at the impact that the Great fire of London had on people's lives and how fire safety has changed through time. In **geography** we will be learning about the United Kingdom, locating where each country is.

**PE** will be on a Monday and Wednesday every week for this year. However, please could you ensure that they have a PE kit in school all week in case of any changes or extra sessions from coaches and ensure that they are named. The children may be doing indoor and outdoor PE this half term, so will require shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms and a jumper as well as trainers/plimsoles.

Suggested **home learning** tasks for this term are on the home learning sheet, remember, these are suggestions and can be adapted to suit your child. Children will be sent home with **spellings** and **times tables** every Monday and these will be tested on the following **Monday**. If the children are allowed to have a login (permission letter attached), they will also have access to a website where they can play games to practice their spellings and maths skills each week.

Please ensure your child has a named **water bottle** in school with them everyday so they can drink regularly and stay hydrated and focused to learn.

Please also refer to the show and tell sticker that may be stuck in your child's reading record, to see which week your child's turn is to bring in a show and tell item.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me, I am always available at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you can email me at [barningsquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:barningsquirrel@gmail.com)

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead, Miss Petch.