



Squirrel Class News

Spring 1 2021

Hello, I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

We will be returning to school with our new topic this term which is **around the world** where we will be looking at China, Joan Miro, postcards and much, much more.

In **English** we will be exploring the book Superworm, Meerkat Mail and the story of Flat Stanley. As **Mathematicians** we will be learning division, recapping place value, measure and moving onto statistics and shapes. As **Scientists** we will be exploring everyday materials and discussing why we use these materials for certain things. **Geography** we will be focussing on China.

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. The children will still need to arrive at school in their PE kits on these days which they will wear for the whole day as advised by the DfE. Please make sure that children are not wearing earrings on these days.

On Mondays, **Spellings** and **Times tables** will be tested and marked to be sent home on the same Monday ready for the next set to be practiced. You will find all the tests for this half term in the front of their books with the test dates at the top of the page. Children can use the front pages of their books to practice during the week and we will use the back for testing.

It is essential that children return to school with the stationery supplies replenished as during this time we are unable to share/lend supplies. These include; a pencil, blue pen/biro, ruler, eraser, glue, coloured pencils and scissors. I know that some children have worked their glue sticks and pencils very hard over the past term so these will need to be replaced. If you have any difficulties with this, please do not hesitate to contact me and I shall do my best to help.

I always do my best to personally listen to children read during the week and all children are heard every week by an adult. Over the next week, I will check children's confidence and abilities to make sure they are moved onto the next level if needed. It is essential that you are listening to your child read at home and making a note of it in their reading record. Reading is key for supporting writing as well as phonic knowledge. If your child reads at home 3 times a week, they will move up the reading tree and be on their way to winning a prize for their hard work. I'm sure you will help them reach the top!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Petch