



## Squirrel Class Newsletter

### Spring Term 2 – 2024/2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and the children had a lovely, relaxing half term break and are well rested for the new half term! It has been brilliant to welcome all the children back. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead!

#### Learning in the Spring Term

This term, in **English** the children will be writing non-chronological reports based on the book Toys from the Past. We will then use the rest of our time this half term writing our own traditional tales based on Little Red Riding Hood. In **Mathematics**, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of multiplication and division and will then learn about length and height before moving onto statistics. In **Science** the children will be learning about animals, including humans and will find out what animals need to survive and grow. In **Geography**, the children will learn about what makes Barningham special. In **RE** the children will be exploring Hinduism and will learn how Hindus celebrate the festival of Holi. In **PE** this half term, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of yoga and will explore circuit training to improve their fitness. While in **PSHE**, the children will learn what they can do when they feel worried. In **Music**, the children will learn how to create rhythmic patterns to retell a familiar story. In **Computing**, the children will explore digital writing. Finally, this term we will be studying **DT** where the children will create a strong and stable piece of furniture for a toy.

#### Reading and Homework

Please listen to your child read on a daily basis as it will help them progress. Your child will bring a reading book and their reading record home every day and this needs to be returned to school daily. After hearing your child read, date the entry, make a comment and initial. The reading challenge will continue this term to inspire the children to develop a love of reading and get them into the habit of reading daily.



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Your child has been given a schedule for their times tables tests in their homework book. We will have a tables test every Wednesday. Your child will be tested on the same times tables for two weeks running. The children will be given a template and not expected to write the number sentences.

We have assessed your child's spelling ability and your child has been given a schedule of spellings to learn each week in their homework book. Spelling tests will be every Thursday.

Each week, homework will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and will need to be returned completed on Tuesday to ensure it can be marked. In addition to this, the children will also receive a home learning project based on our learning in Geography this half term. This will help children learn about their unit of work both at school and outside of school.

### **PE kits**

PE will be on Mondays and Tuesday this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning and find out about whole school updates.

Mr Rolfe