



# Year 2 Squirrels Newsletter - Spring 1

## Welcome

Welcome back. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and healthy new year.

# Phonics and Reading

Well done to all of you who are reading at home. Don't forget to record it in your reading record books. If you read a different book from home, you can write that in there as well, you will still earn a dojo! We aim to listen to readers and change books at least once a week and we change library books on a Friday.

# <u>Writing</u>

In writing we will be focussing on improving our description and use of conjunctions. We will be focussing on the books Meerkat Mail can Colour Monster as well as doing some writing based on a short film called The Bridge.



**Phonics** 

### Maths

This term's units will include money, multiplication and division and arithmetic. If you have the opportunity to play with money, including heling your child make different totals from coins and notes, this would be really helpful.



#### Science

In science, we will be learning about different materials and their properties.



## Computing

Children will be learning how to use online search functions safely, and how information they put online leaves a digital footprint. They will also be learning how email is used as a communication tool and how technology can be used to create sounds and music!



### <u>Art</u>

This term in art, we will be experimenting with colour and texture using paint and mixed media collage.





# <u>History</u>

In history we will be learning about the history of flight. We will find out about some key people, the first aeroplane and how humans made it to the moon.

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#### Music

In music this term we will be finding out about some influential pop bands and practising our singing and performing.



# PE

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Our PE days are changing this term. They will now be on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are very lucky to have a dance coach in on Monday and a sports coach teaching us on Wednesday.



## **PSHE**

In PSHE, children will be developing their understanding around the importance of not giving up, as well as how to understand and control different emotions, such as worry and anger.

## <u>RE</u>

In RE, children will be continuing their learning around Judaism, focusing on things that are special; looking specifically at the Torah and some stories that are told within it.



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# Homework Project

Can you make a model of a flying machine? Maybe you could make a plane, a rocket, a hot air balloon or something you have invented yourself.









### <u>Skills Builder</u>

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



#### **Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.

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## **Class information**

Class Teacher: Mrs Powers and Mr Evans Supported by: Mrs Crysell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

### Dates for the diary!

#### Spring 1

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens to pupils.



W/B 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – school closes for Half Term

