



# Squirrels Newsletter



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27th February 2023

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to Squirrel class! This is the second half of the Spring term, and I am hoping that it will see the weather warming up and some blue skies and sunshine for us to enjoy. Drier and warmer weather is always appreciated for our Daily Runs and PE lessons!

I'm looking forward to our new topics this half term, especially Ancient Greece as our new History unit. As Squirrel class know, I always enjoy our learning in History and Geography and I am sure this will be no exception! The Year 3 children in Squirrel (and Deer) class will be participating a super speaking and listening project this half term. It is called 'No Voice Too Small' and has run successfully in our schools in the Gosforth Schools Trust and I am looking forward to it all beginning on Friday 10th March. Don't be concerned about our Year 4 children, as during this time they will be doing some great PE sessions with Mr Burnett before re-joining Year 3 for the last lesson of the afternoon.

As always, thank you very much for your on-going support. I hope your immediate questions are answered by the information provided here and in the attached overview, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns during this half term.

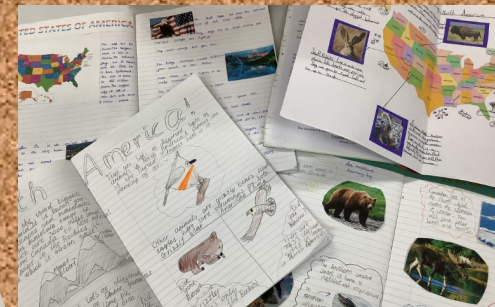
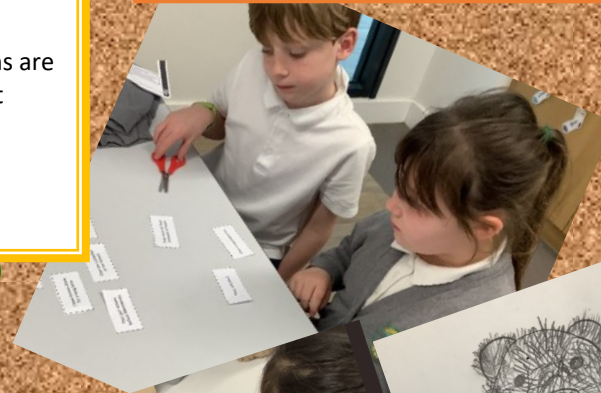
Best wishes,  
Katharine McMeekan

**REMINDER** PE is on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, but PE kits should stay in school during the week to allow for timetable changes and visiting coaches. Children should have PE kits (tshirt and shorts) including suitable shoes. They can also bring additional layers to keep warm during our lessons that take place outside.

## LEARNING AT HOME

**SPELLINGS:** This half term will see a small change in our teaching of spellings as it will be integrated into our English lessons. Support will continue for the children who have been finding spelling challenging, and the words that they are asked to learn will reflect this support. New lists will be given on Fridays and tests will also be take place then.

**TIMES TABLES:** Please continue to support your child in learning their times tables. Practice really does pay off and the confidence the children gain as they successful in our Tuesday tests is amazing to see. I'm really proud of them! Thank you for the support, especially as Year 4 work towards the Multiplication Tables Check in June.



## READING AND PLANNERS

Please continue to encourage the children to bring their planner into school each day and support them in recording the reading that they do at home too. When the planner is signed (by an adult at home) each week, the

