

Squirrels Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school. I hope you had a restful and peaceful holiday. Also, thank you very, very much for your kind and generous cards, gifts and messages at the end of last term. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you also for attending our performances at the end of last term. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

The Spring term will hopefully see some warmer weather for us to enjoy on our Daily Runs and during our PE lessons and playtimes too! We also have lots to enjoy inside the classroom over the next few weeks with new topics to explore. We will be learning about the physical geography of North America, finding out the role of our skeletons and muscles in Science and considering our Dreams and Goals in PSHE. The attached overview gives you more detail about these and our other units of learning across the curriculum.

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.

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Apologies for asking again, but Squirrel class currently do not have any volunteer adults to hear readers in school. (Our previous volunteer is now

working in school!) Please help! We would love to read to any willing volunteers that are able to give us an hour or so each week. Please speak to the school office to begin the safeguarding process that must be followed for all volunteers in school. THANK YOU!

READING AND PLANNERS All children should have their planners and reading books in school <u>everyday</u>. Please encourage them to bring them into school each day and to record their reading at home too. They should read at least 3 times a week at home.