

Dear Squirrels' Parents/Carers

I am excited to welcome all the children to Squirrels class, we have had a lovely first day getting to know one another and forming new friendships. The children are particularly excited about our new cloakrooms!

As a school, we know that children learn best when they are engaged, inspired and motivated. Our wider school curriculum values play a vital element that support our children in achieving success through our school values of love, excellence and well-being. With this in mind, our classroom practice is evolving: we will be implementing a Continuous Provision approach to aspects of our day. This will take the format of opportunities for your child to invent and create and engage in meaningful play and discovery through individual, paired and small group work. This will take place alongside small group and whole-class lessons, with high-quality, language-rich adult input joining all aspects of learning together. We aim for a gradual transition towards more formal learning as the year progresses, making sure each child feels confident and ready to progress to be the best that they can be.

This half term, we will be focusing on our wonderful village, Wilburton. In Geography, we will explore various human and physical features. Additionally, we will be investigating different types of housing that make our village unique. Please see the next page for a more in-depth look at our curriculum and some learning challenges that you could complete at home with your child.

Throughout the week, we will have additional support in our classroom from Mrs Sims and Mrs Walker.. Mrs Atkinson will be teaching all Year 1s (from Fieldmice and Squirrels class) for their daily Maths lesson and I will be teaching the Year 2 children.

We have our Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons, led by Mrs Winn. Please dress your child in suitable outdoor clothing, such as jogging bottoms and plenty of layers (no dresses or skirts, please!). It's essential to have waterproof clothing and wellies stored in school for outdoor play and Forest School activities. Remember to name all items to avoid any mix-ups. On either Monday or Tuesday, spellings will go home for your child to practise, with an informal test scheduled for the following Monday.

Our PE day is on Wednesday afternoon with Mr Jones, so please ensure your child wears their green/black shorts and green t-shirt, or black/grey jogging bottoms and their school jumper over the top. For this term Year 1s will join together with the Fieldmice Year 1s to have PE sessions and the Year 2s will have their PE time as a year group.

Every Friday, your child will bring home three books: two from the Read Write Inc. programme and one reading for pleasure. Please ensure these books are returned by the following Friday so they can continue enjoying new stories.

Lastly, we have show and tell at the end of every day. Please encourage your child to only bring an item in once or twice a week and to think carefully about what they bring so that they can talk about it and answer questions about the item. Please can I ask that anything your child brings in is small enough to fit in their hand.

I am really looking forward to a lovely term with Squirrels class. Please do not hesitate to approach me at the start or the end of the school day or email me on jlawrence@wilburton.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Jessica Lawrence

Save The Date!

Please do link your calendar to our school website - this will mean that you are always kept up to date with school events. Emails are also sent from our school office team with upcoming events.

Tuesday 22nd October - school photos (this will happen in school time)

Thursday 24th October - last day of the half term

Monday 4th November - return to school

Tuesday 12th November - Parent Workshop: in the school hall from 8:55 - 10 an opportunity to work with your child on a project related to our learning - more information to follow

Monday 16th December - Fieldmice and Squirrels Nativity 2:15pm in the school hall

Tuesday 17th December - Fieldmice and Squirrels Nativity 9am in the school hall

Friday 20th December - end of term

<p>Maths Y1 will start by recapping previous reception experiences (counting within 20) and moving onto numbers within 100. Y2 will be focusing on numbers 10 to 100. We will be focusing on representing multiples of ten using their numerals and names. <i>Please talk to your child about things in their environment that they can count. Share a picture of your child finding numbers in and around your home?</i></p>	<p>English We will explore sentence construction and what makes a sentence effective. We'll focus on enhancing our sentences by incorporating adjectives and conjunctions, making our writing more descriptive and exciting. <i>Ask your child to show you the actions they have learnt for words in our story.</i></p>	<p>Geography We will be looking at Wilburton on different maps and defining different physical and human features. We will be learning the different types of housing and how these have changed over time. <i>Can you find your home/ street on a map and discuss what you see on your way to school?</i></p>	<p>PE Our PE focus this half term will be ball skills. We will be focusing on our throwing and catching skills. <i>Can you play a throwing/catching game with your child at home? Can they practise throwing a ball overarm and under?</i></p> <hr/> <p>Art We will be creating pieces of work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We will be focusing on creating colour wheels, demonstrating primary and secondary colours.</p>
<p>PSHE We will be focusing on learning our school routines and expectations. We will be learning the different zones of regulation. <i>Encourage your child to share their feelings about their new class/classroom.</i></p>	<p>Science We will be learning to identify and compare different everyday materials. We will be conducting experiments testing the suitability of different materials.</p>	<p>ICT We will be focusing on technology around us. We will be learning to type on computers and developing our mouse skills. <i>Can you discuss how to stay safe online with your child?</i></p>	<p>RE We will be focusing on Christianity and our big question will be 'How can we care for our wonderful world?'</p>