Squirrel Class

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the new term ahead. The children have now been introduced to their new learning theme ‘Where The Wild Things Are!’.

Within this theme, the children will be learning about animals, including humans and grouping them accordingly. This builds on previous knowledge as during the Early Years Foundation Stage your child would have had the opportunity to make observations and talk about animals.

Reminders:  
PE will be on a Monday this half term and we will be learning the skills of throwing, catching and using a racquet to perform a forehand and backhand needed for a successful game of tennis. Due to the approaching bank holidays being on a Monday, we will aim to carryout PE on a separate day during these weeks.

How to support your child at home:

* Reading daily
* Supporting your child to learn their spellings and applying them to real life contexts such as writing them in sentences.
* Providing real life contexts to support their understanding of multiplication and division such as sharing sweets equally or sorting objects into equal groups.

**Summer 1**

**Where the Wild Things Are!**

In Science, the children have been introduced to animals, including humans. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including; fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

In English, we will using one of my favourite texts, ‘The Last Wolf’ by Mini Grey. This book focuses on endangered animals, extinction and the impact humans have on habitats. We will use this text as a stimulus to create our own non-fiction text on animals.

**Special Dates:**

**Monday 1st May**  
Bank holiday - May Day

**Monday 8th May**   
Bank holiday – Coronation

**Friday 12th May**Coronation celebrations – details to follow

**29th May- 2nd June**Half Term

Mrs Hawes will continue to teach your child on a Friday and will focus on spellings, RE, PSHE and music.

During RE this half term the children will be learning about special books.

In PSHE, the focus of this half term is safety around medicines and household substances. It focuses on the positive uses of medicines and important roles that carers.

and health professionals have in helping us to use medicines safely.

In Maths, the children will be introduced to multiplication and division. We will be using practical objects to create arrays to support us with our learning.

We will then move onto fractions and will recognise and find a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity.

Additional information:

Where The Wild Things Are:

To support your child even further within their new theme then you could:

* Talk to your child about what they already know about animals. Are they able to name a variety of different animals?
* Research your favourite animal and find out if it is a mammal, fish, bird, amphibian or a reptile.
* Find out where your favourite animals lives and what their habitat is – do they live in a dry desserted place, a rainforest or does it dependent on the season?
* Can you observe your favourite animal in their natural environment?

We welcome any additional learning carried out at home to be shared and celebrated in school. Any photos, posters or writing can be easily displayed in our learning environments.

