

Squirrel Class

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great break during the half term holidays and are ready for the new term in Year 1. Next week, the children will be introduced to our new learning theme:

“How do we Celebrate?”

Throughout this theme we will focus on Religious Education and learning about different cultures, festivals and celebrations. The children will learn about a variety of celebrations such as Diwali, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

In English, we will be reading the book Patten’s Pumpkin. We will be using this story to support narrative writing, poetry and letter writing. We will then use our knowledge of letter writing to write our letters to Father Christmas.

During Phonics, we will be learning alternative pronunciations while consolidating previously learnt Phase 5 phonemes.

In Science, we will be learning about seasonal changes as well as materials. We will be focussing on naming materials that objects are made from as well as describing the physical properties of a material.

Reminders:

Your child will continue to have PE on a Monday. This half term we will be working inside focussing on the fundamentals of movement such as; running, jumping and hopping.

Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day. If your child has completed their reading book, then they must put it in the book box ready for changing every Monday and Friday.

Now that the weather is changing please send your child into school wearing appropriate clothing (trousers, rain coats). You are also welcome to bring in wellies in a carrier bag for them to wear during play times and lunch times.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but even 5 minutes a day can make a big difference.

Our Maths will be focused on addition and subtraction. Any adding or subtracting using concrete objects will really support your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with me. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Poynter

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In Maths, the focus for this half term will be addition and subtraction. We will be adding and subtracting using concrete objects to support our understanding of solving practical mathematical problems.

During Art, we will be using a variety of different objects to create Rangoli Patterns. We will be focusing on colour, texture, line and shape.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th November

Teacher training day

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th

December

KS1 Christmas Performances
(more details to follow)

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Jumper Day

End of term

Additional information:

How do we celebrate?

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

- Talk to them about what celebrations they may already know of (birthdays, Christmas, weddings etc).
- Can they find out about how and what people celebrate around the world?
- Talk to your child about celebrations you may have as a family – Can they design a healthy meal for the occasion? Can they write invitations inviting their friends and family to join?
- Can you visit a place of a spiritual celebration (a church, a mosque or a temple)?

