

A very warm welcome to Squirrel class and the start of your Year 1 journey.

Mrs Poynter, Mrs Hawes and Mrs Niola are really looking forward to getting to know all of your wonderful children. Mrs Warwick will also be teaching your child for a short period of time on a Wednesday afternoon.

Your children have already been introduced to their new learning theme; 'Where did Toys begin?' We have been kindly lent a Toys through time, toybox from Moyse's Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds which we will be able to explore in our classroom.

RE

In RE we will be looking belonging and why Christians believe that belonging to God and the church family is so important.

PSHE

Our PSHE learning will lead us across the whole of the Autumn term as we explore the idea of Relationships. Looking at our family, friends, safe relationships and how we can be respectful and polite to others.

English

Our Toys theme will allow us look at narrative texts like Kipper's Toy Box ad The Toy Museum as well as non fiction texts all about Toys in the past and Toys through time. Our English will also be linked to our history topic. The children will be writing simple sentences and using 'and' to extend their ideas.

Maths:

Our Autumn term maths topics will focus our learning on Place Value within 10. Identifying and representing numbers, using language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least Counting to and across 20, forwards and backwards, beginning with zero or 1, or from any given number

Phonics

In Phonics we are consolidating Phase 3 while also learning our Phase 5 sounds.

Music

Rhyme in Time

We will be learning to move in time with the beat/pulse, responding to different tempos (speeds).

Science

In Science, the children will be learning about materials. We will be naming a variety of different materials that objects are made from and describing their physical properties.

History

In History, the focus will be toys through time. The children will be using vocabulary such as 'past' and 'present' to describe a variety of toys.

Autumn 1 Curriculum letter

Where did toys begin?
The journey of toys through time



Reminders

Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Fridays. We want to encourage the children to be responsible for putting their own book in the basket each day to foster independence and ownership.

Stars in the Jar- these stars will be awarded for any type of reading that has taken place at home, recipes, magazines, instructions as well as their reading books and any books from home so please record these moments in their reading record.

Our library day will be on a Tuesday.

P.E will be on a Monday afternoon so you are welcome to come in dressed in PE kit. Please remove any earrings on these days.

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'

- Reading for a least 5 minutes each day - Parents recording a short note in their reading record.
- Practise any sounds or sounds your child is struggling with at least 3 times a week.
- Practise reading and spelling the tricky words/common exception words.

Your class teacher will send home any information you need. Please ask if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events/Reminders for this half term:

Meet the teacher:
Friday 12th September 3.30pm

School Photos: Thursday 25th September.

Parents Evening:
22nd and 23rd October

Half Term:
27th-31st October 2025

Staff Training Day :
Friday 28th November 2025