

Squirrel Class

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the first term of 2026. Thank you so much to our Squirrel families who sent cards or gave us gifts, we were really touched and very grateful. We are excited for our learning this term- travelling from Red Lodge to Shanghai.

If any parents would be willing to share any travel experiences, different cultures, artefacts or foods from around the world, with our class we would love to hear from you.

English

In English we will be continuing to develop sentence writing and letter formation.

We will also be learning the features of narrative texts.

Maths:

In maths we will be looking at Place Value within 20 followed by some number bonds with in 20 as well as addition and subtraction.

Towards the end of this half term we will move onto exploring Place Value within 50

RE

In RE we are exploring how Christians learn about God through Parables.

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From Local to Global: A Classroom Journey from Red Lodge to Shanghai

Phonics

In Phonics we are continuing to learn alternative sounds.

Please practice with the phonics revision ideas from last term.

Music

In music we will make links to our theme and explore music from around the world.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about what money is, where it comes from, and the variety of ways to use it.

Computing

The children have now been introduced to Computing in Year 1. This half term the children will be learning how to programme a robot. We will be using key vocabulary such as; forwards, backwards, left and right.

Geography

In line with our theme we will be aiming to understand the concept of local and global places. Identify similarities and differences between Red Lodge and Shanghai. and develop map skills and cultural awareness.

Reminders



Children are showing great independence each day remembering to put their book in the box each day. Reading books will continue to be changed on Mondays and Fridays.

P.E will now be twice a week on a Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please come in dressed in PE kit and remove any earrings on these days.

We kindly ask that children come into school with a water bottle containing only water. As part of our eating healthy curriculum we know that water is a healthier choice for children and it also helps to prevent sticky spills in our classroom.

If your child is having a school dinner, please can we ask for your support us in helping them to know their choices for each day. It would help them at lunchtime to know what they are expecting and possibly relieve some anxious moments. Thank you

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 any book, magazine, recipe, 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.

We have sent home Common Exception Words as well as the alternative sounds from the Autumn Term.

Please ask us if you need another copy.



Upcoming Events/Reminders for this half term:

Staff Training Day :
Monday 5th January

Spring Term starts:
Tuesday 6th January

Lunar New Year Celebration:
Tuesday 10th February
(more details to follow)

Half Term
16-20th February