

Summer Term- Squirrels Newsletter



April 2024

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. This term we shall continue to raise the profile of attendance and the children will receive a special ticket for five consecutive days in school. We have some wonderful prizes up for grabs.

Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside

Our topic this term is 'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside' where we will be learning all about the seaside. Please see the attached knowledge organiser for more details. We are also hoping to visit the seaside this term and further details will be provided later on this term.

Reading

Please continue to support your child's reading at home by encouraging them to read at least 4 times each week and please don't forget to record this reading in their reading records so that we can see when they have read their books. 10 minutes each day can really help to improve their reading fluency and confidence. As always, we love for the children to read for pleasure so if there are other books that your child would like to read, please encourage them to do so! Any additional books can be included in the children's reading records.

Continuing to ask your child questions about what they are reading will really help them to develop their comprehension skills and therefore their understanding of what they have read. These questions can simply be things like 'what do you think will happen next and why?' or 'how do you think this person is feeling?'

Spellings

Spelling tests will continue to take place every Thursday. New spellings will be also be provided each Thursday. The weekly spellings are based on spelling patterns that the children have been learning that week at school. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home, dojo points are awarded for children who beat their previous score or who score well.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday. However, we ask that your child brings a full indoor and outdoor school PE kit, including outdoor trainers, on a Monday morning and leaves it in school for the week. We will aim to teach PE outside unless there are extreme weather conditions then we will be inside. Our outdoor PE kit consists of the kingfisher blue or white t-shirt, blue or black joggers and trainers. If you think your child requires extra layers then please send these with them and please remember to provide socks if your child wears tights. Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled as each year we seem to have more and more stray clothing. If it is labelled it is easier to find and return to the owner.

Water bottles

Please continue to send your child to school with a water bottle each day. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the school day and these can be refilled at school when needed.

Seesaw

Seesaw is an online learning tool and your child will be bringing home their Seesaw login details to access Seesaw at home. Children will be learning how to post on their Seesaw account themselves and this is a great opportunity for you to see some of the learning that your child has been doing at school. Most of the time only you will have access to what your child has posted, unless it has been a group activity. However, all posts on Seesaw can only be accessed by parents of children in the class. If you have any questions about Seesaw, please speak to me and I will be happy to help.

Outdoor shoes

Many of the children enjoy playing on the grass outside during playtimes and lunchtimes. Please provide some outdoor shoes (old trainers, wellies etc.) to enable your child to continue to play on the grass if they wish to.

Many thanks for your continued support this year,
Mrs Owens