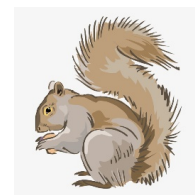


Autumn Term- Squirrels Newsletter

5th September 2025



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and I am excited to be welcoming you back to Sigglesthorne for a fun-filled year ahead.

London's Burning

Our topic this term is 'London's Burning' where we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We have planned a range of engaging and enriching activities to develop the children's knowledge and skills across the curriculum. Please see the attached knowledge organiser for more details.

Reading

We are continuing with the Little Wandle phonics scheme. The children will bring home a new reading book each week that they have been reading at school. Their first book will be sent home on Wednesday 10th September. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. If you would like more resources and information about supporting your child with their early reading, the Little Wandle website has a fantastic section with videos and resources for parents to access.

Your child will also come home each week with a book from the school library. This is a book to be shared together at home and it is not expected for your child to read this book by themselves but to share this book with a grown-up to help promote a love of reading. Please return your child's library book every Friday so that this can be swapped for a new book.

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 take place every Thursday and new spellings will also be provided each Thursday, linked to the phonics and spelling lessons your child has done that week. Your child will receive their first set of spellings on Thursday 11th September. Please support us by practising these spellings at home with your child.

Numbots

Your child will be given their account details to access Numbots- a website and app to help children develop their mathematical skills. Numbots can be accessed both at home and at school and we encourage you to download the app or allow your child to access the online website at home. Your child will receive their login details for Numbots on Thursday 11th September.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday each week. 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 continue 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 it 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.

Forest School

Forest school sessions will take place every Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their Forest School clothes in school, along with outdoor shoes (old, warm clothes that you do not mind getting muddy and that can be left at school) for these sessions. These can then be left in school for the duration of the half term.

Punctuality

Children are asked to arrive at school between 8.45am and the gate will close at 9am. Learning begins promptly at 9am so please ensure you arrive at school no later than 9am.

Seesaw

The new Squirrels Seesaw class for this academic year has been set up and you should have received an invite via email. If you're not familiar with Seesaw, it is similar to Tapestry. The teachers will post photographs and videos to the journal for parents to view, like and comment on. You can upload any photographs of home learning and can also send direct messages to myself and the other teachers. Please check your child's bag for information about how to link to the class.

Outdoor shoes

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

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.

Throughout the year we have evenings and events that give us the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. However, our door is always open and if you have any comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Owens