

Autumn Term- Squirrels Newsletter



9th September 2026

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.

A Palace of Wonder

Our topic this term is 'A Palace of Wonder' where we will be learning all about kings, queens and castles. 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 follow the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. Therefore children will bring home a new reading book each week that they have been reading at school. 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 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?'

PE

PE lessons will take place each 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 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.

Seesaw

I have set the new class Seesaw up and the children brought their family invites home on Tuesday. If you're not familiar with Seesaw, it is similar to Tapestry. We 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 me messages.

Library

Every week the children will attend the school library. They have the opportunity to share stories and talk about which books they have read. This is a sharing book to bring home and read together. Please return the book the following week so that they can choose another book to take home.

Forest School

Forest school sessions will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has 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.

Punctuality

Children are asked to arrive at school between 8.45am and 9am. The gate will close at 9am and learning begins promptly.

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 named water bottle each day. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the school day and these can be refilled at school when needed.

See us online!

We will post photographs and videos to Seesaw for parents to view, like and comment on. You can upload any photographs of home learning. We also have our school X page (formally Twitter) @SiggsCEPrimary, a school Facebook page Sigglesythorne CE Primary Academy and an Instagram account. These are great places to share with family and friends if they would like to see all of the wonderful learning that our children do at our school.

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 Fleming