

Squirrels Class Newsletter Term 4 2025

Welcome to Term 4; we hope you had a great half term break. We hope you are ready for the new term. We have a busy term with World Book Day, Creative week and Science Week to look forward too.



Topic

In Term 4, in Humanities, we will be continuing our theme, 'Time Travellers!' During this theme, children will explore life during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We have explored the Stone Age in Term 3 in depth. This term we will be exploring the Bronze Age and the Iron Age, we will be finding out how life changed in this time from the Stone Age, how they survived, the tools they used and what kind of houses they built and lived in.

Thank you so much for all the children who participated in the homework project last term. As there were still quite a few children who were asking us if they could still do it, the project will remain the same this term. As a reminder: For their homework, we would love to see children make a home for a Stone Age dweller, this can be as creative as you like: a model, a poster or a drawing! This will be a wonderful opportunity to see how much they can use their learning of the Stone Age to create a suitable settlement and show what was essential for their life.



Science

Initially, we will be continuing to compare the attributes of different rocks and discover how fossils are made. We will then move on to our next topic of plants. We will explore the parts of a plant. We will learn about seed dispersal, pollination and seed formation. We will carry out an investigation into the way water is transported within plants. We will also be completing some more challenges for our SUPERSTAR crest awards in Science week.

Maths

All children need to be practising their timetables (using TT Rockstars 3 x a week (10 minutes each time) including Studio levels for speed tests) and their number bonds (using Numbots – if required). Login details can be found in the front of their reading record books.



Spellings.

We will be continuing to use the spelling scheme 'Spelling Shed' the children have login details can be found in the front of their reading records. They will also bring a sheet home with them to support their learning of different spelling patterns. Don't forget, pupils also have a Spelling Shed account, that gives them access to the online games which will support them in learning the weekly spellings. We would like children to spend at least 10 minutes per week playing these games as it will really help strengthen their recall.



Spelling Shed

Spelling tests will take place on a Monday.



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PE

PE will take place on **Tuesday afternoons**. This term, our topic is 'football'. In this unit pupils develop their understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games. In all games activities, pupils have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. In football pupils do this by maintaining possession and moving the ball towards goal to score. Pupils develop their understanding of the importance of fair play and honesty while self-managing games and learning and abiding by key rules, as well as evaluating their own and others' performances.

The wearing of earrings of any kind is not permitted for PE, including the use of earring tape. Please ensure all jewellery and earrings are removed before coming to school on PE days. We cannot take responsibility for the removal or storage of earrings. Recently a few children have had their ears pierced, if your child is wishing to have their ears pierced, please do this at the start of the summer break to avoid your child missing PE. Any child unable to do PE will be expected to complete written work within the lesson time based on what is being taught in that lesson.



Reading

Please encourage your children to read with you, daily, or ask them comprehension questions about what they have read in their bedrooms etc. Please also remember to sign to say that they have read their books and to which page. When they have finished a book, they can then take an Accelerated Reader test to check their understanding of the text – both house points and merits are up for grabs, each time they score 100% on a test.

Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child completes a quiz in school. You will also be able to find out how they are doing with their termly reading targets.

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6706259>

We have daily accelerated reading sessions in class, so it's vital that your child remembers to bring their book and reading record in to school EVERY day, along with their water bottle (named) and their morning snack in tub /pot which is clearly labelled with their name to help avoid confusion if they lose it at any time on the playground. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Graham and Mrs Sackley