

Squirrels Class Newsletter Term 3 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like to start by saying a huge thank you for all the lovely Christmas gifts and the voucher that you gave us last term, it was extremely kind of you all.



Topic



In Term 3, will take a journey around the United Kingdom, exploring its geographical features. The children will name and find the countries, capital cities and major cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. The children will develop their use of map skills from key stage one, so that they have the opportunity to use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. As part of their learning the children will go on to investigate their local village of Higham learning about how to conduct

fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features.

Science

Our focus this term is 'Forces and Magnets'. During this unit of work, children will explore simple pushes and pull as an introduction to forces. They will explore how the texture of an object or surface it is on can affect how the object moves. They will then explore pushes and pulls further by investigating different magnets and how they can pull (attract) and push (repel) at a distance without contact.

Maths

This term the children need to continue to practise their times tables and their corresponding division facts. They can do this using TT Rockstars at least 3 x a week for 10 minutes each time. This includes using the studio levels for speed tests and their number bonds (using numbots - if required). Login details for these can be found in the front of their reading record books.

The children have been working really hard on their times tables. Well done everyone. These are the times tables test date for this term. This test will be on a Tuesday. Please see the times table your child will be focusing on below.

Date of test	Times table
Tuesday 13 th January	÷ 6
Tuesday 20 th January	X6 and ÷6
Tuesday 27 th January	X 7
Tuesday 3 rd February	÷ 7
Tuesday 10 th February	X 7 and ÷7

Spellings

This term we are continuing to use 'Spelling Shed' to practise our spellings. The children are in spelling groups to help support them in their learning. They will continue to take home a spelling homework sheet showing the spelling pattern they are going to focus on for that week. In addition to this they have been assigned spelling



games relating to the spelling pattern they are learning each week. The children's login details in the front of their reading record books.

PE

PE will take place on Monday. This term, our topic is 'Ball Skills'. The children will have the opportunity to develop a variety of ball skills. They will develop tracking a ball when dribbling with hands, feet, throwing and kicking.

Please can you make sure that you take out your child's earring on this day and that long hair is tied back.

Reading

The children completed their STAR assessments this week and so will shortly have new ZPD ranges. Please encourage your children to read with you on a daily basis and ask them comprehension questions about what they have read. Each time they score 100% on their test and have it signed to say they read with an adult, they will receive a sticker.

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.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Garrett and Miss Harmon