

Squirrels Class Newsletter Term 5 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we begin this short but busy term, we're excited for all the learning and activities ahead.



Topic



Children will discover when the Romans invaded Britain and the impact they had on the country. They will investigate how features of modern life can be traced back in some way to the Romans for example Roman roads and place names. They will study the life of Boudica, the Iceni Queen, and how she rebelled against the Roman invasion. Children will be able to make connections and compare the ways of life of the Roman people to those of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Home learning

For their home learning project this term we would like the children to make a Roman Inventions poster- showing things the Romans gave us (e.g. roads, aqueducts, numerals or anything else you can find!).

Science

Our focus this term is 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 are also planting our own seeds to further understand what a seed needs to grow.



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 28 th April | X 10 |
| Tuesday 5 th May | ÷ 10 |
| Tuesday 12 th May | X 10 and ÷ 10 |
| Tuesday 19 th May | X 11 |

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 'Golf'. In this unit pupils will explore techniques to use over long and short distances, making connections their knowledge of throwing over different distances. They will have the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge in a range of challenges working individually and with others.

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

Reading

Please continue to 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