



Welcome to Squirrel Class!

Welcome to a new term and the start of foundation (Squirrel Class), I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

General information

- Please ensure your child wears correctly **named uniform**; this should include suitable **black school shoes** and hair tied back with plain, school coloured hair bands or clips. A red sweatshirt with the school logo must be worn.
- Although we are a cashless school, with online payments, please ensure that any money sent into school is in a sealed, named envelope.
- If your child is not being picked up by the usual adult, then please let the teacher know at the beginning of the school day or phone through to leave a message as soon as possible.
- As you know, we provide wrap around care with our Breakfast and Teatime club; if your child is booked into Teatime club please ensure they are aware of this so as to avoid any confusion.
- If your child is unable to attend any of the after school clubs that they regularly attend, please send a note into school or speak to the teacher so that we are all aware of where they are.
- We ask that parents say goodbye to their children on the playground in the morning.

PE Kits

Due to Covid children need to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE and will wear it for the full day. **PE this term is on Monday and Friday** so please can they arrive to school with a plain white T shirt, red school sweatshirt, black shorts, with plain black jogger bottoms or black leggings over the top if you wish and wearing plimsolls or trainers. If your child is unable to tie shoelaces, please can they wear Velcro fastening. **Earrings need to be removed for each PE session**, ideally at home or your child is to remove them themselves, if they are unable to do this, we will use micropore or plasters to be them.

Home learning

Home learning will normally be set on a Friday and is due in by the following Thursday. The children will *usually* be set homework that is related to work that we have been doing in class. Please do not worry about any of the home learning set. If your child finds their home learning particularly difficult please ask them to speak to myself or Mrs Wyatt about it. Please try to support your child as much as possible by providing them with a calm, quiet atmosphere to work in and ensuring they understand the task.

Reading

We teach children to read using the Read Write Inc scheme so your child reads daily in school in small differentiated groups. We will also listen to your child read individually once

a week but this will not be recorded in the reading diary for the first term. They will bring their reading book and reading record home on a daily basis and are expected to read to an adult at home for 5 to 10 minutes a day. Home reading little and often will help your child to become more confident and is a great way for you to see the progress that they are making. Could you please record this in their reading record and send this back in to school every morning where your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book. If your child reads 3 times in a week they will have their name entered into a raffle to win a book. If they read 5 times in a week they will have their name entered twice.

It is important for children to develop a love of reading, whether it is fiction, non-fiction, comics or newspapers. It is vital to allow your child to access all areas of school life and beyond. There are also opportunities during the week for your children to be reading for pleasure in school. The children will also have the opportunity to access our online reading system Reading Planet. More information and login details will follow shortly.

Water Bottles and Snack

Children in foundation are given a named water bottle to keep in school and have the opportunity for milk at snack time. They are also given a piece of fruit each morning.

Behaviour

Children are encouraged to be kind, caring and respectful to others. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. The children have agreed a set of class rules for acceptable behaviour and are rewarded if they adhere to these rules. We also like to reward good work and behaviour with house points, certificates and stickers.

Topic

This term the children are going to be learning about each other through the topic 'Marvellous me'.

I am looking forward to working with your child and yourselves, if you need any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Many thanks,

Mrs Bean

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