

Squirrel Class Newsletter

Spring 1 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME back to Squirrel Class. All the Squirrel team want to wish you a happy and healthy new year. From the stories we've heard it sounds like you all had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa was very generous.



Topic



Our topic this half term is 'Tickets Please'. This topic will look at different ways that we can travel places and the differences between places we can travel. We will be looking at how our local area compares to different parts of England and then comparing England to other countries around the world.

To continue with these topics at home you could try the following:

- ✚ Try lots of different new foods from different countries and compare these to the English classics such as fish and chips!
- ✚ Using different modes of transport to get to different places e.g. walking, driving, cycling and taking the bus or train.
- ✚ Comparing our local area to somewhere you have recently visited or been on holiday to.

English



Our topic in English this half term is stories with familiar settings. We will be reading lots of different stories that are based in different locations such as the beach and in a rainforest. We will be describing the settings to people who have never been there before. We will also continue with our weekly phonics, SPaG and handwriting lessons.

Maths



In maths this term, our focus is measurement, specifically length. We will be measuring different lengths and comparing them to each other. Which is longest? Can you put them in order from shortest to longest? We will also continue to develop our number skills.



Squirrel Class staff



Molly Poulson - class teacher

Jane Shawyer - HLTA and PPA cover

Sarah Vernal - TA

Paige Easterbrook - TA

Debbie Tallack - TA (AM only)

Vanessa McClusky will continue to volunteer every Monday and Wednesday whilst she is completing her TA training.

For the first two weeks of term we are also lucky enough to have a trainee teacher, Alexis Gough, join our team.

Key dates:

Friday 8th February - rescheduled light walk.

YOU NEED NEW TICKETS FOR THIS.

Friday 15th February - end of term. 3pm.

PE



We have PE in Squirrel Class every Tuesday morning. If you have not already, please could you send your child in with an appropriate named t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls or trainers and possibly some track suit bottoms as it is getting colder! We will also be going swimming every Thursday, a letter has already been sent home regarding this. It costs £5 for the term and the children need a towel and costume/trunks.