

Squirrel Class Welcome Letter - September 2023

Class Teachers: Miss Lucy Hurren

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Michelle Lee



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful Summer break and managed to enjoy the sunshine and exciting days out. It's lovely to see all of the children well rested and excited about the year ahead! We are pleased to tell you that all of the children have settled really well into Squirrel class and are enjoying their new classroom.

This year Miss Hurren will be teaching Squirrel class alongside the help of Mrs Lee. Mrs Lee is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) so will be a great asset to your children and their learning and progress. Mrs Lee will support the class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, as well as teaching the class on a Tuesday afternoon. She will also be running additional interventions where required. PPA time (planning, preparation and assessment) will take place for Miss Hurren on Tuesday afternoons where Mrs Lee will be teaching the class. We will be meeting regularly to discuss the children's progress and planning their next steps in learning.

Our main priority is that your child is happy in school, as happy children make successful learners. If you do have any concerns please use the new class email address and we will be more than happy to help.

Home Learning

Spellings will be tested and given on a Friday morning. The children will continue to practise their times tables more regularly, using timetable rock stars. Log ins for this can be found at the front of their reading record. Reading must be recorded on 3 separate occasions throughout the week in the children's yellow reading record. The children can write in this themselves but we do ask you to sign it to confirm they have read.

Our PE days for Term 1 will be on Mondays and Fridays so please ensure that the children attend school in their full PE kit on these days and that all kit and uniform is

clearly named. They will need shorts, T-shirt, trainers, and a sweatshirt. They will also need to come with long hair tied back and earrings removed on these days. Please note that staff are not able to help children remove or replace their earrings, they must do this independently.

Our reading books will be swapped every Friday and their reading levels will be assessed regularly.

Our Curriculum

We are looking forward to tackling our vibrant and exciting curriculum for Squirrels with new topics, lots of hands on learning as well as trips and visitors. The long term plan for year 3 can be found on the school website. The medium term planning shows how our foundation subjects will look in class. There are also knowledge organisers to accompany the various subjects. The long term plan will show you that we have a number of exciting events planned for the children over the course of the year. Further information about each of these events will be sent out nearer the time but lots to look forward to!

Little Reminders

HEALTHY SNACK - Now your child is in KS2 they will no longer be entitled to free fruit at break time. Please ensure you send them to school with a healthy snack, preferably fruit or vegetables that they can restore their energy with at break time.

HOT DINNERS - Children in KS2 are no longer entitled to universal free school meals unless they are in receipt of pupil premium funding. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals then please do speak to the office as this also equates to additional funding for school which will support your child's learning in school.

MILK - If you would like your child to continue having milk then you can make arrangements and payment online, please speak to the school office if you would like more information about this.

WELLIES - Please could you provide your child with a pair of wellington boots that will remain in school as we will continue to have playtimes on the field in wet weather.

WATER BOTTLES - Water has been proven to help children learn. Please bring a

named water bottle into school that the children can access in the classroom.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF - Please ensure that your child is ready to start the school day at 8:45, where they will be collected from the playground by a teacher. Children will also be collected from the playground at the end of our school day at 3:15.

CLASS WEB PAGE - We will be updating this with the learning that the children have been doing throughout the year and hope you enjoy seeing their learning in action and talking to your children about the activities they have been enjoying in school.

Finally, we are delighted to be working with Squirrel class this year and hope the children have an enjoyable and exciting year learning about the topics in the Year 3 curriculum. If you have any questions then please send us an email via the admin team and we will be more than happy to help.

Thank you in advance for all your help in supporting your children's learning this year.

Miss Hurren and Mrs Lee