



Squirrel Class Newsletter Spring Term 2023



Happy New Year! Squirrel Team hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the special time with your friends and family. We look forward to an exciting 2023!



Our PE days for this half term is **Monday AND Tuesday**. Please make sure your child has their PE kit to keep in school and is clearly labelled.

Squirrel Class will be starting weekly swimming sessions on **Mondays**, after the February half term break.

Butterfly and Squirrel classes will continue to mix on Friday mornings for a combination of Forest, Life Skills, and Personal Development. This will provide an opportunity for children to work with others from their year group. These activities will rotate weekly. Forest clothes are only needed on the week that your child will be joining in with this. Dates are included below.



Our forest day is on **Friday**. On forest days your child can come to school dressed in their forest clothes. Can they please bring their uniform in their bag to get changed into afterwards...as they may get a little messy. Wellies can be sent in weekly for the children to change into.

Forest School Dates:

Year 3 / 4: 13th January / 3rd February / 3rd March

Year 5: 20th January / 10th February / 10th March

Year 6: 27th January / 17th February / 17th March

Friday 24th March: Butterflies and Squirrels offsite visit (TBC)



During life skills we will take part in lots of practical and fun activities to allow children to learn and develop the skills needed for life beyond Woodsetton. This will include things like tying shoe laces, and making a healthy snack. Children won't need to bring anything into school on this day.



During personal development this term we will focus on:

'Making a Movie.'

Children will explore different ways to make a movie e.g. stop-motion animation, animating drawings, or recorded role-plays. They will then have a go making their own mini film.



Our topic this half term is **Home and Away**

In this topic we will begin by exploring polar habitats, focusing on books such as 'Lost and Found,' 'The Great Explorer,' and 'Poles Apart.' We will look at where these regions are within the world, and learn about features such as rivers, mountains, and climates.

We will then compare this to a desert habitat, where we will read texts such as 'Meerkat Mail,' 'Anansi the Spider,' and 'Lila and the Secret of Rain.' During this half of the term, we will explore the 'Egyptians' and learn about what life was like in ancient Egypt.

In science, we will explore interdependence and adaptation before moving on to focus on materials and changes of state

During Maths this term, we will be covering:

Multiplication, Division, and Fractions, Addition and Subtraction, Shape, Mass, Capacity, and Length and Height.

We will use our focus texts within English to take part in a range of learning, including:

Writing - recounts, diary entries, newspaper articles, descriptions, letters, postcards, captions, fact files, non-chronological reports.

Other - drama and role play, speaking, listening, and communication, reading and comprehension.

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Please use the home/school book to inform us of any important information. Please call the school office if you any need any support. 01384 818265



Thankyou for your ongoing support.