

Class 2 (Squirrels)

Spring Newsletter

Mrs Phoenix and Mrs Corradine

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. Thankyou so much for your kind cards, gifts and well wishes; they are much appreciated. This is just a quick newsletter to provide you with some necessary information to help you get back into the swing of things.

First of all, we wish to extend a warm welcome to Leia and Lotte, starting in our class after Christmas and later in the term Violet and Jasmine who will be joining Squirrels Class in February. We have already welcomed new starters: Leo, Chase, Ellie, Ben and Jess who started towards the end of Autumn term. How exciting to be welcoming 9 new pupils to our class and we hope they will settle quickly and feel very much part of our Great Budworth family.

Class Organisation:

Mrs Phoenix will teach all day Monday and Tuesday and then a Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Mrs Corradine will be teaching on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and all day on a Friday.

In Spring 1, it will be Forest schools on a Tuesday.

Mrs Hulley is the teaching assistant all week.

Topic:

This half term's topic is **Offering Dignity & Respect**. The topic web overleaf outlines the different areas we will be studying linked to this theme.

PE

PE days are **Tuesday Year 5 & 6** swimming, **year 3 & 4** invasion games. We also have **Forest Schools** starting on **Tues 7th January** with Mr A Holland.

On a Friday (Dance and Gymnastics)

Please make sure your child wears the appropriate sports clothing to school on these days, bringing in their swimming gear in a separate bag.

Long hair must be tied up and earrings should be removed or otherwise, covered with plasters brought in from home for these lessons.

For Forest schools your child will need to come to school wearing long, sleeved t-shirts, trousers, wellies (or outdoor shoes) and water proofs depending on the weather.

End of Key Stage Two Assessments (SATs)

Year 6 children will be assessed in Maths, English: Writing, Reading, Spelling and Grammar. SATs week starts on Monday 12th May. **All year six children** will be expected to be in school this week.

To help prepare the year 6 children, we will be providing booster sessions on a Monday after school for the first half term and a Tuesday the second half term. These sessions are free and will be based on Maths and English. Please do make every effort to attend both sessions. They will start on Monday 13/1/25.

Here is an overview of the SATs week timetable:

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2025

Date	Test
Monday 12th May 2025	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 13th May 2025	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 15th May 2025	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

Homework

All children will receive weekly spellings. Children will be given two copies of the spellings for the half term-one will stay in school and one is to be taken home.

The children will be given opportunity to practise these during the week but will also need to learn them at home. Children will be tested on their spelling list on the Friday.

Reading Homework

Strive for Five

All children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day as part of their homework.

Please ensure your child has a reading book in school each day.

Also, please encourage and support your child with filling in their reading records so we are able to keep track of their reading and make recommendations where appropriate.

Maths homework will be set and go home on a Tuesday to be returned on the following Tuesday.

Flexi -School Children – Please use the class timetable and topic web/ newsletter to see which subjects we teach in school on a Monday and Friday. These are also available to view on the class webpages. As part of our flexi school agreement, a portfolio of work, completed outside of school, based on these subject areas is to be shared at our half termly review meetings. This can be in any format you choose. If you have any further questions about this, please do get in touch.

Once again, it is another busy but exciting term full of positive learning experiences. As always, should you have any queries about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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