



Welcome to Squirrels

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a brilliant summer break. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and hope you will enjoy your time in Year 2. We have a lot of amazing, interesting and fun things planned for you in the year ahead.

Our topic for the autumn term is: **Safari**.

We are planning lots of exciting activities as we go on Safari to Africa. We will locate Africa on a world map and learn about life in that continent. Of course we will also look at the animals of Africa as well as taking our own Safari around the school grounds to investigate our own habitats, plants and animals.

PE

PE is taught on a Wednesday and a Friday. We will be aiming to do as much PE outside as possible, in line with current recommendations. Therefore we ask that all children have suitable trainers and tracksuits for outdoor PE (please check the school handbook for more guidance on kit). We will also have the occasional Dance and Drama session with Mrs Doll on Tuesdays. We will also be making full use of the running track to complete our Daily Mile! Please ensure that all kit is properly labelled.

Reading

Please sign and comment in your child's reading diary each time you read at home. It is important to continue sharing a book daily, regardless of their ability and level, as they need to maintain the skills of reading aloud and discussing new and unfamiliar words, as well as encouraging your child to predict and discuss elements of a story. There is advice on supporting reading in the 'Parent' section of the school website and a book list on our class page. Library summer schemes are also a fantastic resource to keep you going until September.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be collected in on the following Monday. It will generally consist of maths, weekly spellings, and some maths (times tables or a link to class work). We will build this up over the year. If your child is struggling with any element of homework, please do let us know so that we can offer additional support within the classroom. Where possible encourage children to complete homework independently, it should be consolidation and practice rather than learning new skills.

It is important that you and your child/ren find what works best. We recommend little and often. 5 minutes every day, at a time that suits you.

Your child's first will be their 'Jigsaw' page. Please see the Welcome video from Mrs Burness. This will help us get to know them better.

There will also be some additional stories going up for the children to listen to, so do keep checking the class welcome page.

If there is anything else you would like to know, please do not hesitate to ask. For now, you can email louisaboal@knockholt.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards

The Squirrel Class Team