

Ubley Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school term in Squirrel Class! It has been a lovely first week back and the children are all settling in well. I thought the following information would be useful:

During **Term 1** Squirrels will be taught by the following teachers:

Monday – Thursday am – Mrs Beck

Thursday pm – Mrs Howe

Friday – Mrs Howe

Reading and Phonics:

Please do try to hear your child read at home at least 5 days a week as part of homework. This really helps to build their fluency and confidence. In order to check your child's understanding of the text, when you are reading with them please ask them questions and talk about what they have read. Please ensure reading books and records are at school every day.

In class, we will also have whole class "Guided Reading" sessions using a class shared text. The children have the opportunity to discuss and read aloud a book or text with the teacher and each other and answer comprehension style questions. The children will continue to have daily phonics sessions until Christmas.

Handwriting

In year 2 we teach cursive handwriting for the first time. Children are taught the horizontal and diagonal strokes needed to join letters. Here is an example of how they are taught to join:

Cursive Lower Case Letters



Spelling Words:

Attached (see below) are lists of the common exception words, which your child will be expected to have learned by the end of the academic year. They will also be expected to spell the words correctly in their everyday writing in class. In order to meet end of year expectations for writing, it is important that children can spell most of these accurately.

On a Monday morning the children will have a 'Spelling lesson'. I will be sending home weekly spelling words for the children to learn and these will be tested each Monday.

Homework:

Homework each week will be: **Reading** to an adult 5x per week, completing added extras on **DoodleMaths** and weekly **spellings** to learn.

Water bottles and snack:

Children need to bring a water bottle each day, with their name clearly on it. This must be filled with water (not juice or squash please). In Year 2, children continue to receive fruit as their snack.

Named Clothing:

Please ensure all clothing is named. That way if an item is found it is easier to return it to its owner. As you know, the jumpers all look the same!

PE is on a Wednesday. All children should arrive to school in their PE kit.

Messages to Class Teachers:

If you need to write a note/message to us, please send this on Class Dojo. Or alternatively, ring or leave a message with the school office. If you would like to talk in person, please send us a message to arrange a time to meet or phone via the office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to either myself or Mrs Howe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Beck