

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 – Mrs Loudon

Tuesday – Mrs Beck

Wednesday – Mrs Tomblin, PH Sports for PE and Year 3 will have a Spanish lesson with Mrs Riddy

Thursday – Mrs Beck

Friday – Mrs Beck

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. Year two 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' with Mrs Loudon. She will be sending home weekly spelling words to learn. 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. Once children are in Year 3, if they would like to have a snack in the morning, they will need to bring in a snack from home, preferably a piece of fruit. Please can I remind you that this must be a healthy snack, as we continue to strive to be a 'Healthy School'.

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 Loudon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Beck

Year 2 Common Exception Words

after	eye	only
again	fast	parents
any	father	pass
bath	find	past
beautiful	floor	path
because	gold	people
behind	grass	plant
both	great	poor
break	half	pretty
busy	hold	prove
child	hour	should
children	improve	steak
Christmas	kind	sugar
class	last	sure
climb	many	told
clothes	mind	water
cold	money	who
could	most	whole
door	move	wild
even	Mr	would
every	Mrs	
everybody	old	

Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words

accident	continue	guard	notice	recent
actual	decide	guide	occasion	regular
actually	describe	heard	occasionally	reign
address	different	heart	often	remember
answer	difficult	height	opposite	sentence
appear	disappear	history	ordinary	separate
arrive	early	imagine	particular	special
believe	earth	increase	peculiar	straight
bicycle	eight	important	perhaps	strange
breath	eighth	interest	popular	strength
breathe	enough	island	position	suppose
build	exercise	knowledge	possession	surprise
busy	experience	learn	possess	therefore
business	experiment	length	possible	though
calendar	extreme	library	potatoes	although
caught	famous	material	pressure	thought
centre	February	medicine	probably	through
century	forward	mention	promise	various
certain	fruit	minute	purpose	weight
circle	grammar	natural	quarter	woman
complete	group	naughty	question	women
consider				