



September 2022

Dear Squirrel Parents,

It has been lovely seeing all the children back in school and I look forward to another year of working with them. We had a discussion last week on what our new class rules should be and they decided on 'Look after our classroom and look after each other,' which they said includes working hard – what great suggestions.

Our focus for supporting your child at home continues to be reading and times tables. We ask for ten minutes reading a day five times a week and would like the children to bring in their reading record every day. Ideally, we would like them to read to an adult or older brother or sister, but when this is not possible, they can read to a teddy or a pet or just to themselves. Any day that they do not have their completed reading record, we will ask them to spend the first five minutes of lunchtime reading, not as a punishment but to ensure that reading remains a priority.

For times tables this year, the whole class will be focusing on a specific table each week, so that we can spend time doing songs and games together. Please continue to help your children practise at home. They will know which tables we are on, and I will post it on Dojo too. Year 4 will have the Multiplication Tables Check later in the year and Year 5 need to keep their skills up as it affects so many areas of Maths.

We will be going on an exciting class trip on October 19th – more details to follow. Then we have Young Voices, Skillzone and residential for Year 5 and 6. A busy year ahead! Do keep an eye on Dojo for photos of what is happening in school, and on the website for more information on our learning.

As always, we want to keep communication open, so please do come and talk to us if you have any concerns - end of the day is always easiest. This will help us to form a strong partnership, working together for the benefit of your children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kirby