

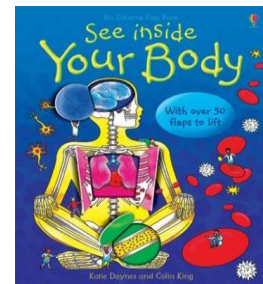
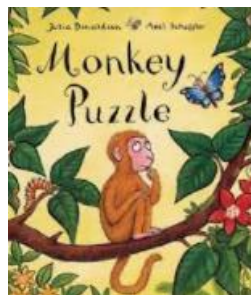
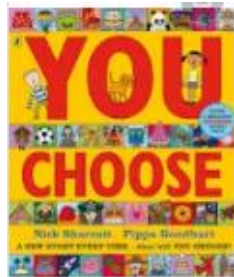
'Why does change happen?'  
Squirrels Newsletter Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope everybody had a great summer holiday. We are so excited to get started this term and hope you are too.

Our new topic will be 'Why does change happen?' We will be learning about our bodies, how we grow and understanding healthy lifestyles.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Useful Websites to support learning

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/ztckqt>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9yycdm>

Key Questions

- 1) Can you find out how you have changed since being a baby?
- 2) Can you name some of the parts of your body, e.g. head?
- 3) Can you think of how homes have changed in history?

Home Learning

Optional home learning topic:

- Can you take a look back at photos of yourself over time, how have you grown?
- Can you draw a picture of your home? What does your road look like?
- Can you make a meal at home and take some pictures to share with us?

'Why does change happen?' Learning Map Term 1 2023

Literacy	Adjectives and description 	Repetition and alliteration 	Fiction texts 	
Maths	Number and place value 	Addition and subtraction 	Multiplication 	
Science	Scientific enquiry 	Healthy eating 	Hygiene 	Exercise 
History	My personal history What has changed in my lifetime? 	Events in my local area 	Events in my lifetime 	
Music	Songs about me 			
ICT	E-Safety 		Maze explorers 	
PSHE		Being me in the world		
Art	Mark making 	Tones 	Illustrations 	
RE	Creation story 		What is God like? 	

<p><b>Reading</b></p>	<p>Please read with your child <b>at least three times a week</b>, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in the reading record book</u>.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. Little Wandle Phonics books will be changed every Friday. If your child does not return the previous weeks book, they will not be sent home with a change of book the next week. Beyond this, children will be on a coloured reading phase and can change these as frequently as they need to.</p>
<p><b>Phonics</b></p>	<p>Most children in Squirrels will be sent home with a phonics homework sheet on a Monday which will share the sounds, sentences and spelling we will be covering during the week. The children can share their learning with you. There will not be a formal spelling test for Squirrels, however there will always be 5 words at the bottom of the sheet that they have learnt in school that week and it would be great to practise these at home too! Their phonics and spellings all fit in with the new reading scheme.</p> <p>Some children in Squirrels will be given tasks related to the Year 1 and 2 common exception words to practice, on a Monday. Again, there will be no formal spelling test for squirrels. However, we will be focusing on 5 words a week and it would be great to practise these at home too!</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>Maths homework will be set from a new CPG book. It will be set on a Friday and need to be returned on the following Monday. The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box.</p>

**Homework will begin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Reminders**

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **named water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Always bring in a **coat** in school as the weather can be unpredictable and we will be using our outdoor classroom throughout the day!
- Our PE days are **Thursdays** and **Fridays** please wear PE kits on these days.



Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to see them. We will have a topic-based 'show and tell' weekly on a Friday, see below the slot for your child.

Week 1 Friday 15th September - Year 1 boys

Week 2 Friday 22nd September - Year 2 girls

Week 3 Friday 29th September - Year 1 girls

Week 4 Friday 6th October - Year 2 boys

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions. We can't wait for the exciting term ahead!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Tucker and Mrs Thompson