

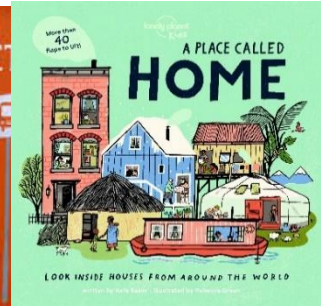
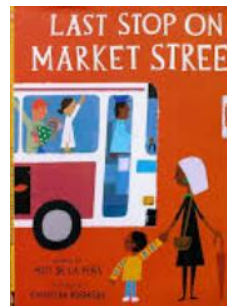
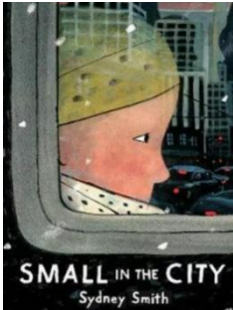
'Home and Away'

Squirrels Newsletter Term 3 2024/2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. This term we will be starting our new topic of 'Home and Away.' We will begin the term looking at countries and cities in the UK and then begin to spread our wings further afield, looking at other parts of the world.

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



Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **named water bottle and a book bag** every day.
- Our PE days are **Monday, Thursday and Friday's**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days.

Home Learning

Questions to ask at home:

Have you been to any cities? What are they like?

How are cities different to the towns and villages that we live in?

What is the difference between a country and a continent?

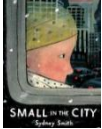

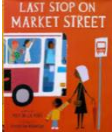
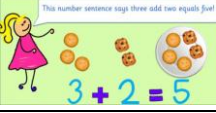















What is the weather like today?

What are your dreams for the future?

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on continuing to learn times tables through maths sessions and at home.

Home and Away Learning Map Term 3 2025

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	 Diaries	 Non Chronological report	 Recount Writing
Maths	Addition 	Subtraction 	Multiplication and division 
Science	Seasons and how they change. 		
Geography	Weather 	Continents & Countries 	Cities and Human Geography 
Music	Listening 	Appraisal	Improvising composing 
ICT	E-Safety 	Grouping and Sorting 	Purple Mash 
PSHE	Dreams and Goals 		
DT	Painting Landscapes 		
RE	Who do Christians say made the world? 		

Home learning:

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by recording this on Boom Reader.</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. Squirrels are encouraged regularly to change their books regularly, please can you help remind your child when their books need changing.</p>			
Phonics Year 1	Attached to the newsletter you will find our Weekly Phonics overview- please read through these words with your child at home to supplement the Phonics teaching we will be completing in class.			
Lexia Year 2	Your child should have a Lexia log in all set up, if you need reminding of this then let me know. They need to complete this at least 3 times a week, even if it is just for 10 minutes.			
Maths	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 Friday. The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box.			
Spelling	<p>We will not be setting weekly Spellings.</p> <p>Year 1: please practice spelling their Phonics words from the weekly Phonics sheets.</p> <p>Year 2: please practice the attached spellings from Little Wandle, we will also be practising these in class. See below the speller's toolkit we will be developing with Year 2 pupils this year.</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>Autumn 1 5 weeks: Phase 5 review</td><td>Autumn 2 5 weeks: Bridge to spelling</td><td>Spring and Summer 20 weeks: Spelling units</td></tr></table>	Autumn 1 5 weeks: Phase 5 review	Autumn 2 5 weeks: Bridge to spelling	Spring and Summer 20 weeks: Spelling units
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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 17th January - Year 1 boys

Week 2 Friday 24th January - Year 2 girls

Week 3 Friday 31st January - Year 1 girls

Week 4 Friday 7th February - Year 2 boys

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Tucker, Mrs Luckhurst and Miss Green