

'Why does change happen?'

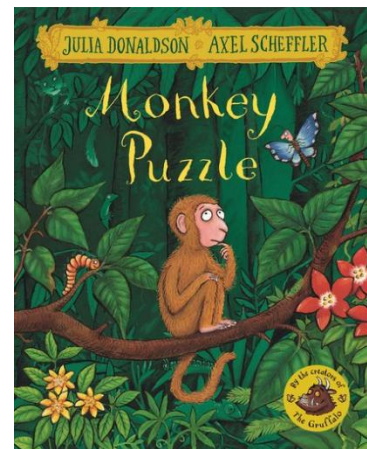
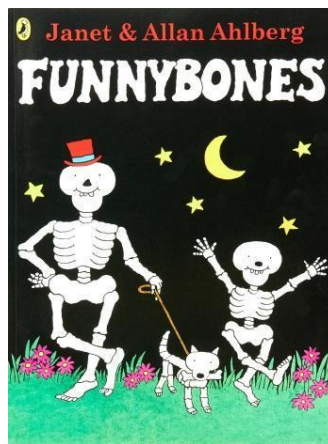
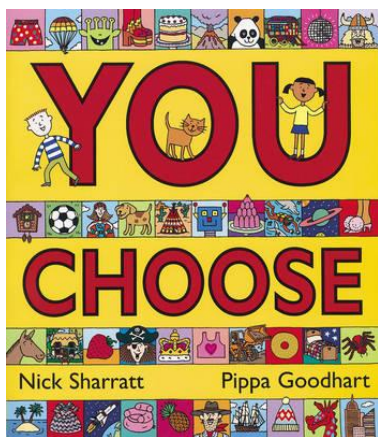
Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 1 2025-2026

Dear Squirrels Families,

Welcome back. We really hope everybody had a fun and relaxing summer. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children and starting our new topic. This term we will be exploring,

'Why does change happen?'

This topic will support the children in understanding change and the impact this has in their lives. Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be looking at 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.

Useful Websites to support learning.

- <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/htbw/>
- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/humanbody.html>

Key Questions

- 1) Can you discuss number, e.g what number is one more than 9?
- 2) Can you name some of the parts of your body, e.g head?
- 3) Can you find out about my significant event in the past?
- 4) Can you discuss why having a balanced diet is important?
- 5) Can you sing a song you have learnt about in Music?

‘Why does change happen?’ Learning Map Term 1 2025/20026

Literacy	<div>Key writing skills</div> <div></div>	Repetition and alliteration	<div></div>	Story writing	<div></div>
Maths	Number and place value		Addition and subtraction		
	<div></div>		<div></div>		
Science	Scientific enquiry	Healthy eating	Hygiene	Exercise	
Animals including humans	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	
History	My personal history		Events in my local area		Events in my lifetime
What has changed in my lifetime?	<div></div>		<div></div>		<div></div>
Music	Songs about me				
	<div></div>				
ICT	E-Safety				
	<div></div>	<div></div>			<div></div>
PSHE	<div></div>		Being me in the world	<div></div>	
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Art	Mark making	Tones		Illustrations	
	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>	
RE	How should we care for the world and others, and why does it		<div></div>		

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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 <u>recording this on Boom Reader.</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. Squirrels are encouraged 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.
Spelling Year 2	<p>We will not be setting weekly Spellings.</p> <p>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>

	<div> <div>Autumn 1</div> <div>5 weeks: Phase 5 review</div> </div> <div> <div>Autumn 2</div> <div>5 weeks: Bridge to spelling</div> </div> <div> <div>Spring and Summer</div> <div>20 weeks: Spelling units</div> </div>
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Maths	For Maths homework please work through the weekly Maths activities on the set work in your child's CPG book. You can work through these at a pace that works for your child.

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 12th September - Year 1 boys

Week 2 Friday 19th September- Year 2 girls

Week 3 Friday 26th September - Year 1 girls

Week 4 Friday 3rd October– Year 2 boys

Snacks:

Just a quick reminder that the school does provide a healthy snack each day for the children. However, if you would prefer to send your child in with their own snack, please ensure it is **one healthy snack only** (such as fruit or vegetables).

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Tucker, Mrs Luckhurst and Mrs Wadey