

Exciting events to look out for...

- Tour of Marlborough and library visit TBC
- Friday 31st January school disco
- Savernake forest TBC
- End of Term 3 - Friday, 14th February
- Start of Term 4 - Tuesday 25th February
- Squirrel Class assembly - Thursday 2nd April 9.15am
- End of Term 4 - Friday, 3rd April finish at 1.15pm
- Start of Term 5 - Monday, 20th April

Important News

- All children need a named water bottle.
- All PE kit must be named and in school. Your child will need jogging bottoms and trainers (not black daps) as PE will be outside as much as possible

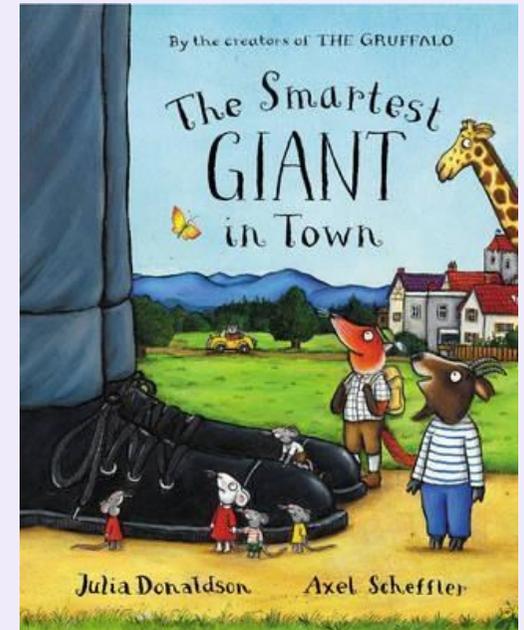
How can you help your child?

As always there are lots of opportunities for you to help your child with their learning.

Please continue to support your child with their homework, spellings, daily reading and number bonds. It really does make a difference!

PLEASE let us know if you have any special talents/knowledge that would help with our topic or if you are available to help listen to children read. Your support is always greatly appreciated, thank you!

Where in the World...



Year 1

Hedgehog and Squirrel Class

Spring Term

Questions to Explore

Can you find England on an atlas or globe?

What countries are near us?

What countries are far away?

What would you take in a rocket with you to space?

Do you know any planets?

Can you find any old photos, maps or interesting historical facts about Marlborough?

Find out something about where you live...

Have you any old photos of Marlborough?

HOMEWORK

Hearing your child read is **vitaly important**. The expectation is your child reads **at least 4-5 times a week** and they will be rewarded with a house point each week that this is achieved. Please continue to hear them read and **discuss** their books every day. ***Children who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve well at school so share bedtime stories and visit the local library.***

Book bag books will be changed on a Monday or a Tuesday. Read Write Inc phonic books will be changed at the start of each new book and will be kept for either 3 or 5 days depending on the stage. Reading books and reading records need to be in school everyday as the changing day for phonic books will differ for each group. We would **WARMLY welcome any parent volunteers to hear readers.**

Practising counting, days of the weeks and months of the year would be a huge help.

Thank you, we are all excited about the terms ahead!

Where in the world?

English: We begin our term by sharing a beautiful text, *Only One You*. We then have some really exciting texts with a few surprises linked to thinking about our local area. Later in the term we will be exploring places further away. We will continue to have a daily phonics session.

Maths: Our main focus for the terms will be developing our counting skills and understanding of place value and improving our addition and subtraction skills. Get ready for lots of fun maths using resources, playing games and solving problems.

Helping your child to count forwards and backwards to 100 will be a real help. We will continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's - any extra practice will be hugely valued! Can your child tell you the months of the year? Can they tell the time to and past the hour?

Science:

Scientists at the ready - we need your help with some exciting investigations as we finish finding out about our senses. Then we move onto identifying and classifying different animals. We will find out about omnivores, herbivores and carnivores!

History: Do you know any historical facts about Marlborough? We will be little historians as we ask questions, look for clues and read facts to find out!

Geography: Using globes, atlases, local maps and pictures we will investigate and explore where we are and then travel further afield...sun cream ready!

RE: Our theme is friendship and we will be thinking about Bible stories that show the importance of this value and also reflect on our own friendships.

ICT: It's time to start using own programming skills using beebots to set and test different programs and explore what the beebots can do.

PE: Developing our gymnastic skills we will work on rolls, balances, twists and turns. Our games sessions outside will use bat and ball skills.

Music: We will be listening to some space themed music and begin to create our own alien songs. We will sing songs linked to our topic.

Art/DT: Strike a pose! As artists we will carefully work on self portraits and build on our sketching skills linked to our local area. We will experiment with chalk pastels and look at the different effects they have.