



# Squirrel Home Learning & Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers,

Wow- what an amazing half term we have had in Squirrel Class! The children have all made us incredibly proud with both how they have settled back into school routines and their learning.

We have now completed phase 3 phonics and the children have been working very hard to be a digraph detective. Please continue to practise these sounds within their red book and encourage your child to spot digraphs within their reading.

We have been discussing what a noun and an adjective are and been on a hunt for nouns around the classroom. It would be great if over half term you could continue to discuss these words with your child and ask them to find different nouns (people, places or things) around your home. Could they then add an adjective to describe it?

Our maths focus this week has been number bonds to 10- we have played a ladybird game, made number bond rainbows and completed part whole models.

In art this week we have been developing our sketching skills by looking closely at an object and really focus on what we see. We then learned about Yayoi Kusama, a Japanese artist who uses spots to add colour to her abstract paintings. We had a go at drawing pumpkins using the same style as Yayoi Kusama and the results were fantastic!

After half term, our topic will be Toys from the Past. We are going to start this topic by looking at the children's' favourite toys and discussing them. For homework this week, please ask your child what their favourite toy is, what it is made from and how they use it (eg throw it, hug it, build it etc).

I would be grateful if you could email me a picture of their favourite toy to [squirrel@stmarys.rbksch.org](mailto:squirrel@stmarys.rbksch.org) as this will allow us to have a visual prompt during discussions at school.

Please continue to ensure that your child brings their book bag and reading record into school every day as this allows us to read with them throughout the week.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November,

Mrs Rose

