

## How can you help your child settle?

Be excited about your child starting school. There are a few other things you can do over the Summer to help them too:

- Encourage your child to get dressed by themselves—they'll need to do this for PE later in the year.
- Teach your child how to do their coat up.
- Encourage your child to eat with a knife and fork—they'll be doing this at dinner time.
- Make sure your child can use the toilet by themselves.
- It would be helpful if they can recognise their name when it is written down.

## Communication

Your child will be given a small book to keep in their bookbag. Please use this to ask questions, or to let us know information such as a different person collecting your child that day. If we send a message in the book, please initial it so we know you've seen it. The Squirrels team also sends out newsletters to keep you up to date with what we're doing. At the end of each half term we invite parents to share our learning. This may be outside or virtually. If you have any queries or concerns you can speak to any member of the team and we'll do our best to help. You can email Mrs Davy at [v.davy@sheerhatchprimary.org.uk](mailto:v.davy@sheerhatchprimary.org.uk)



# Welcome to Squirrels!



Mrs Davy



Mrs Savage



Mrs Pozella



Miss McTernan

## Daily routine

The children come into the classroom at 8:55. They hang up their coats and put their bookbags in the box. They find their name cards and put them up on the wall. They get a board and pen to start the morning challenge.

9:00 register and Activate- a daily session to get us moving.

9:20 Literacy or Maths learning, followed by group activities and child initiated learning

10:00 Phonics session

10:25 Playtime

10:40 Milk

11:00 Group activities and child initiated learning

12:00 Lunchtime

1:00 Register and Activate

1:15 Afternoon learning, followed by related activities and child initiated learning

2:45 Fruit play-please send in a named portion of fruit or veg each day

3:00 Story and song time

3:20 home time

## PE

We do PE on Thursdays. Currently, children should wear their PE kits to school. If this changes, kits will stay in school for the whole half term and will bring it home to wash in the holidays. At this time, please check that everything still fits ready for the next half term!

## Learning Logs

Learning logs are the way we do our homework. Each week the book will come home with a challenge to complete. We share the learning logs on a Wednesday. Some of the activities are done in the book while others might ask the child to take part in an activity or make a model. Please help your child by making sure they're using the right page in their book and encouraging them to take pride in their work. More details are included in the book.

## Reading

Daily Phonics teaching will start very early in the school year. We will assess your child to see how they are learning-what sounds they recognise and how well they can put sounds together to hear and say words. After a few weeks children will bring reading books home. Initially the books may not have any words. Please look through these books with your child and ask them to tell you the story. We aim to change books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.