

## Squirrel report 2023



What a fantastic second year for our Squirrels!

It's been a big year for our section and with not one but two big trips! Our programme has been jam packed with investitures, activities and adventure, and we have enjoyed every minute of it! Most of our evenings have been based on different books. We have protected eggs, learnt about space, made forkies, squished seed bombs and even had a water party! We have tried to get outside more this year, exploring the forest and also using our garden space lots more! We've identified trees, gone on bug hunts and even improved our den building skills! Our squirrels have gone home with plenty of artwork and creations we have made this year, and the results have only got better as we've got through the year!

Some of our squirrels learnt how to write Chinese symbols, while others enjoyed making silhouette remembrance cards in November. (We even made special space telescopes!!)

This year we were able to go on not one, but TWO big trips this year! Our first was our Christmas Trail at lower grange farm, where we sorted out letters, made reindeer food, built snowmen and even met Santa! It was a fantastic evening, even if it was a little bit chilly! Our second trip was our first out of county trip with our squirrels, taking us all the way up to Brentwood, Essex! We visited all the sections on their group camp and even got to enjoy some of our own adventures! We were the first squirrels to ever climb at Thriftwood campsite, as well as enjoying the Cresta run, assault course and a campfire with some furry friends! It was an absolutely fantastic day and all the squirrels surprised us so much with their willingness and lack of fear!!

We can't wait for whats to come for our squirrels over the next year. Our squirrels, parents and leaders have made this year so special and I can't thank everyone enough for their support with our section! Heres to the next year, which will be full of even more adventure, outings and getting messy! Beckie and the Squirrel team  $\bigcirc$