

Dear Parents of Squirrels Class,

I would like to introduce myself as the trainee teacher that has been placed in Squirrels class at Copdock for the autumn term of training. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know your children and feeling part of such a lovely school community.

As part of my training I have to implement a 'reading for pleasure project' with the goal of inspiring young children to find enjoyment and excitement in their reading rather than seeing it as a chore. To do this I am planning on introducing to the class a 'book-talk Friday' where a child is chosen each week to talk about a text they have enjoyed reading and recommend it to others. We will share and record these discussions as part of our 'reading river' display in class and on the website.

As parents and carers, I ask that you spend a few minutes talking to your child about what book they would like to bring to our Friday discussions and make sure they have it in their book bag ready for the end of the week. Crucially, students can choose to share any piece of reading they have enjoyed whether from school or from home, be it from a comic, graphic novel, magazine, picture book, or a chapter book. My aim is to celebrate reading in all its forms as enriching, worthy and valid!

Many thanks,

Miss Bound