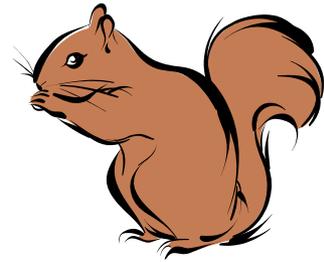


Year 3 Squirrels Newsletter Term 5

2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break- it was nice to be able to enjoy some of the restrictions being eased. We are looking forward to starting a fresh term and we have some exciting things to look forward to, which are outlined below.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th April, Wednesday 28th April and Thursday 29th April- Parent consultations

Friday 30th April- Writing day

Thursday 20th May- Outdoor classroom day

Friday 28th May- End of term 5

Curriculum Content

Literacy: This term we are going to start off looking at the story Dolphin boy. We will be learning from its vocabulary, structure and creating our own animal adventure stories. We will also be continuing to practise different sentence structures and how to add interesting detail to our writing.

Numeracy: In numeracy we are going to be focussing on measurement. This will include: measuring lengths (cm, m and mm), measuring weight (kg and g), measuring capacity calculating amounts of money and telling the time. This is a very fun topic with lots of practical and problem solving activities for the children.

Please remember to keep practising those times tables at home- we have seen a great improvement so far!

Science: Science this term will be taught by Mrs Berry and we are going to be learning about plants. In this unit, children will be able to identify and describe the functions of different parts of plants; roots, stem, leaves and flowers. We will be exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, nutrients from soil and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.

Humanities: Following on from the Romans in term 1 and 2, we are going to be looking at Britain's settlements by Anglo Saxons. We will be discussing the terms 'invaders' and 'settlers' and understand that many different people have settled in Britain to help shape the nation. Please feel free to complete some extra research on this topic, which can then be shared in class.

Design technology: This term will have a DT focus. We will be looking at lunch box snacks, which snacks are healthy and unhealthy and eventually making/cooking our own 'healthy' snack. This links with our PSHE topic as there will be plenty of discussion about diet and the benefits of different nutrients on our bodies.

RE: This term is all about 'why people pray' which enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about prayer: the practice, symbols, words and significance of prayer are studied alongside some key beliefs about prayer, so that pupils can develop thoughtful ideas and viewpoints of their own about prayer.

Music: Our music topic is 'painting with sound'. This unit will develop children's ability to create, perform and analyse expressive compositions and extend their sound vocabulary.

Computing: We are starting the term with our e-safety unit which is all about showing respect online. Pupils will explore the similarities and differences between in-person and online communications, and then learn how to write clear and respectful messages. We will then be moving onto making animations. We will use the programme Zu3D to create our own animations, a bit like the ones we see on our TV screens!

PE: Indoor - Thursday

Outdoor: PE with Mr Packer- Tuesday

Children will need to make sure that they have their P.E kits in school every week. Just a reminder, this consists of a plain white or red t-shirt with the school logo, plain black shorts, plimsolls and trainers. Please mark every item with your child's name. Long hair will need to be tied back and ear-rings need to be removed or covered on P.E days.

French: 'Les quatre amis' (the four friends) is this terms topic! We will be learning how to describe our family members and our friends, using lots of practical activities, dialogue and worksheets to support our learning.

PHSCE: This term we will be talking a lot about healthy eating as we prepare to design and make our own snacks in DT. During these lessons we will also have a focus on dental hygiene and the impact of too many sugary snacks and drinks on our bodies, including our teeth. This should be building on what they already know about dental hygiene.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind Regards,

Miss Fuller and Miss Jarman