

Curriculum Newsletter

Squirrels Class



This Term's topic is..... Pirates and Explorers

Literacy

As usual we will be learning lots of new vocabulary.

Our texts are based around the topic - we are reading *The Journey home*, *Lost and Found*, *The big book of the blue*, *Captain Blunderbeard* and *The Owl and the Pussy cat*.

We will be writing non chronological texts, letters, labels and captions, diary entries, interviewing characters, writing character profiles and writing our own poems.

We will also be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books in our whole class guided reading sessions, as well as our 3 x weekly guided reading sessions.

Maths

As a school we follow the White Rose Maths scheme

This term Yr1s are learning about Place Value to 100, time and multiplication and division. Yr2s will be learning about Fractions, measuring and comparing length and telling the time.

EYFS are learning about counting to 20 and beyond - subitising, number pattern, and making representations



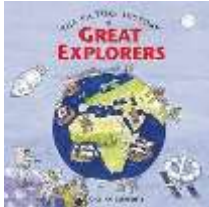
Phonics and Spelling

We teach daily phonics and Spelling activities.

All EYFS children are moving onto phase 4 now where they will be learning to read phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs like oo, ee, oa and igh in longer words and compound words. All the Yr1 children are finishing Phase 5 which are alternative digraphs and applying their phonic knowledge to recognise which digraph or trigraph is needed to spell words (We call these 'grow the code' activities). They are also recapping all their learning to get ready for the Yr1 phonics test in June. Yr2s continue to read different chapter books and non-fiction texts.

History

This term's topic is Explorers - we will be looking at modern day explorer Ranulph Fiennes and looking at what we mean by the term Explorer as well as looking at Amy Johnson's explorations and explorers from the past Drake and Cook.



Science

This term we are looking at Humans including other animals - Animal babies, survival basic needs, growing up and changing, eating healthily and exercise and keeping clean.



PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children need to have warm clothes and suitable shoes for indoor and outdoor PE please. PE kits need to stay in all week as if it is raining then PE days may change. Earrings need to be removed on these days if your child wears them.



Art

This term we are exploring painting. How to use different paintbrushes and colour mix as well as adding different textures to paints and creating different paint effects. We will be looking at different seascape artists and creating our own.



Design Technology

This term we are creating Father's day cards with a lever. We will be exploring what a lever is and how we can make one out of card and looking how levers are used in pop up books and cards then creating our own card with a lever for a purpose.



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Computing

This term we are learning about Technology in the world around us. Looking at how we use technology in school, in shops and businesses. We are looking at how to keep ourselves safe online and what amount of time playing with tech is healthy.

