

# Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 and 2

## Squirrels Class (EYFS, Year 1 & 2)



### This Term's topic is 'Down on the Farm'



#### Literacy

As usual, we will be learning lots of new vocabulary and continuing with Drawing Club

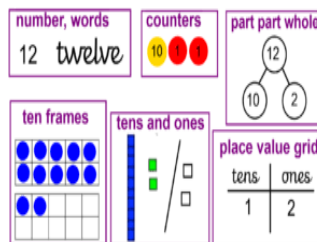
and Curious Quests for our writing. Our texts are based on our topic theme and include poem books, non-fiction texts, stories from familiar settings and stories from other cultures.

Texts include: Farmyard Jamboree, The Farm that Feeds Us, Tractors and Other Farm Machines, Farm poems, The Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip.

#### Maths

As a school, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme

This term, Yr1s are learning about place value, representing numbers in different ways and counting backwards and forwards. They will also learn about addition and subtraction, using practical methods and resources.



#### Phonics and Spelling

We teach daily phonics and spelling activities.

EYFS children are getting ready for phonics, taking part in listening activities to develop essential listening skills. After week three, they will start learning Phase 2 sounds and blend them to read simple CVC words.

Yr1 children are starting Phase 5, learning alternative diagraph sounds and applying their phonic knowledge to spell words. They will also be writing full sentences with finger spaces between words, a full stop and learning to use capital letters at the start of sentences.

#### Geography

This term's topic is 'Why is it important to know where our food comes from?'

We are looking at dairy farms, why there are so many in Devon and how farmers make the milk they collect from the cows and make it into dairy products. We are learning about the nation's favourite foods and comparing it to the class's favourites, and where in the world bananas are grown and why. We will also look at how much sugar is in foods and where we get sugar from.



#### Science

This term, we are learning about pets and other animals. We are learning about different kinds of animals, including humans. We will be learning about what is meant by the terms reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will be making our own pets and thinking about what makes a good pet and why and learning how to keep pets happy and healthy.



#### PE



Our PE day is on Thursday. The children will be doing outside PE and also indoor gymnastics on the same day. They will need their warm outdoor PE kit, as well as PE shorts and t-shirt in school. We would prefer if children had their PE kit in school all week, so that if we need to change the PE day, they are prepared.

#### RE

This term, KS1 are learning about Christianity. We are learning what a Creator is and what we think the Creator of the world is like. We will discuss who Christians believe created the world and look at the bible Christian story of Cration. We will discuss how this is different from the Muslim creation story and talk about how God would expect Christians to look after the world and ways Christians say, 'thank you'.

#### Design Technology

This term, we are learning about harvesting vegetables we have grown in our vegetable patch. We will be learning cutting, peeling and vegetable preparation skills and using them to design and make a hearty soup for a farmer.

#### Computing

This term, we are learning about sorting data. We are learning to sort objects by different properties, labelling groups, and counting out how many in each group. Children will learn about what a 'property' is and sort objects according to their property to create data. We will be analysing the data and answering questions. This work is pre-learning before commencing a unit of work

		on data handling packages, later in the year.
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