

# Squirrel Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and you and your families are all safe and well. The following Newsletter will provide you with information about the Autumn Term in Squirrel Class.

### Squirrel Class Staff & Arrangements

Along with myself, Squirrel Class are lucky to have Mrs Stockman and Mrs Harding supporting them this year. Mrs Harding will be supporting the children Monday to Friday all day and Mrs Stockman will be supporting the children Monday and Friday mornings and all day on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### Curriculum Information

Please see the table below for more information about the topics that will be covered within the subjects this term.

	<b>Units Covered</b>
<b>English</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class Reads: The Ironman, The Days the Crayons Quit &amp; Cat Tales: Ice Cat</li><li>• Rags to riches: The story of Pirate Tom &amp; The Papaya That Spoke</li></ul>
<b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Throughout the term, children will be following The White Rose Maths Program of Study</li></ul>
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changing states</li><li>• Growing plants</li></ul>
<b>PSHE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Throughout the term, children will be following the Brook learning PSHE programme of study</li></ul>
<b>Computing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programming</li><li>• Stop motion</li></ul>
<b>RE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who is Jewish and how do they live?</li><li>• How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?</li></ul>
<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Great Fire of London</li><li>• Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Victorian life</li></ul>
<b>Geography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volcanoes</li></ul>
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Structures – Baby Bear’s chair.</li><li>• Textiles - Pouches</li></ul>
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miss Hepworth will be teaching Art this term. The children will be learning about super sculptures</li></ul>
<b>Music</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Warwick will continue to teach the children music on Monday afternoon.</li></ul>
<b>PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday: Invasion Game skills &amp; Football with Jack from Plymouth Argyle</li><li>• Friday: Netball</li></ul>
<b>French</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miss Hepworth will be teaching French this term. The children will be learning about hobbies.</li></ul>

## Homework

Our expectation for homework is outlined below.

- **Daily Reading** - Please read with your child every day. Reading books and diaries will be sent home every day and checked the following morning by Mrs Stockman to see if your child needs to change their book.
- **Weekly Timetables** - Timetables Rockstars sheets will be sent home on a Monday so that your child can practice for their daily test which will take place in maths lessons.
- **Weekly Spelling** - There will be a range spelling activities for your child to complete online using **Spelling Shed**. Spelling lists will be available online from Monday and there will be a spelling test in school on Friday. Please see attached login information for your child. A **Spelling Shed** 'Guide for Parents' will be sent home with this week's newsletter.

We will also cover other curriculum days aimed at building on our overriding curriculum focus: healthy body, healthy mind, healthy planet.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

*Best wishes,*

*Miss Toms, Mrs Stockman & Mrs Harding*

*Squirrel Class Team*