

### **Squirrel Class information:**

#### **P.E.**

Our P.E afternoon will be on a **Monday** this term with Mr. Louis Munnery. Please can children have their full P.E kits in school, remembering a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

#### **Homework**

Homework will be sent home on Fridays to be returned to school the following Thursday. We strongly encourage to read four times a week and complete a My Maths task weekly; the other menu items are optional.

#### **Reading Diaries:**

Please set up a reading routine at home to hear your child read at least 4 times a week and update the reading diaries. Please bring reading books back to school every day.

### **Our school website address is:**

[www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk) and our class blog is at <http://barcombesquirrels.wordpress.com> where you will find information about the class, home learning, upcoming events and links to useful websites.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Curriculum meeting: 9am on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Harvest Festival at St. Mary's: 9am on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Parent Consultations:
  - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.30pm - 6.00pm
  - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00pm - 7.00pm
- Half term: Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October- Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Beginning of Term 2: Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November
- KS1 Nativity: Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Things you could try at home to enrich this term's learning:**

- Set up a Kindness calendar and create one kind task to complete a day.
- Get outside and get your heart pumping.
- Visit the Polar Museum in Cambridge

# Welcome to Squirrel Class

## Curriculum Information

## Term 1 and 2

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SCHOOL

Teacher: Mrs Sakaki

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wigley

## ENGLISH

We will begin the year by studying various texts that contain the messages of kindness and community to help establish our sense of belonging in Squirrels class. The children will act out, talk, draw and write their responses in sentences. In term 2, our text focus is The Emperor's Egg and will allow for the children to use drama, partner talk and drawing to explore the story and characters in order to help solidify their ideas for their writing.

Phonic sessions will happen daily across Key Stage 1. Year 1 children will be encouraged to spell all words phonetically and Year 2 children will be focussing on applying the phonetic sounds correctly and expanding upon their grammatical knowledge.

## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

At the beginning of this term, our topic will be 'Take One Heart'. The children will be finding out about inspiring individuals, such as Florence Nightingale.

For our second term, we will learn about various arctic explorers, their exhibitions and identify the Polar Regions.

## P.E.

In term 1, our P.E. will be taught by a P.E specialist. The focus will be on movement and co-ordination and children will be carrying out activities and playing small games which involve balance, agility and the development of gross motor skills. Term 2 PE will be a combination of dance in relation to the Nativity and team work games.

## MUSIC

The children will use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and will be exposed to various music by composers and singer/song writers from around the world. In term 2, music will be seasonal and linked to the Nativity production.

## Our Learning Journeys are: **Take One Heart** and **Ice Explorers**

## P.H.S.E

In P.S.H.E, the children will create the class rules for the year ahead. We shall also be learning how to be successful and supportive talk partners. This will involve the children developing their listening and skills of compromise.

## MATHS

Our main focus at the beginning of term 1, will be place value and understanding number. The year 1 children will be working with numbers to 20 and the year 2 children will focus on solidifying their knowledge of numbers to 100. To ensure a deeper understanding of number, children will be representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations and will be solving simple reasoning problems. We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The year 1 children will use concrete apparatus to help them add and subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers and the year 2s will be learning written methods of addition and subtraction.

## SCIENCE

This term, we will be studying animals, including humans, and focusing on noticing on how the offspring of all species, including humans, grow into adults. We will also be learning about the basic needs of all species, and the importance of healthy diets and exercise. Next term, we are studying the four seasons and weather patterns and seasonal changes.

## R.E.

This term, we will be focusing on the story of Jonah to understand more about God. The children will retell key points from the bible story and attempt to give examples of how Christians use the story of Jonah to guide their beliefs about God. The children will prepare for our Harvest Festival during the start of term 1 and then study the Christmas story during the start of term 2.

## Art and DT

Throughout both terms, will be focusing on using various methods and techniques to create colour and line when expressing our thoughts and ideas. In term 1, we will be self-portraits, developing our drawing and painting skills. In term 2, we will create holiday themed arts and crafts.