

Squirrel Class information:

P.E.

We will have P.E on a **Monday** and **Thursday** during term 5. Children are to come to school in PE kits on both of these days, please.

Homework

Please concentrate on reading daily with your children as it really helps them to develop their reading skills and enjoyment of books. In maths, it would be useful to focus on number recognition to 100, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and number bonds to 10/20, e.g. $4 + 6$, $14 + 6$. Maths work will also be available on Purple Mash. We encourage you to access this at home regularly.

How to enrich our create project at home:

- Visit an art gallery or exhibition
- Draw/paint/collage real objects. Look closely at the details (e.g fruit, veg, toys etc)
- Throw and catch a ball with someone at home. Aim at a target.
- Listen to different types of music and discuss what you like, dislike, notice or prefer. Dance and have fun!

Our school office email address is:

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Please speak with our class rep, Mrs Oliver, if there is anything you would like to pass on to the school or the class teachers ☺

Dates for your diary:

- Bank holiday - 1st May
- Bank holiday – 8th May
- King's coronation tea party – 5th May
- Half Term - 29th May to 2nd June
- Sports day – 29th June
- Back up sports day - 6th July

Please look out for other dates on the weekly Bulletin and Newsletters.

Welcome to Squirrel Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 5 and 6

Teachers: Mrs Wilkins & Mrs Payne
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wigley

ENGLISH

We will be beginning the summer term by looking at a wonderful text called 'The Secret Sky Garden'. The book touches on themes of loneliness, creativity and friendship. It also makes clever use of colour and illustrations to add detail to parts of the story which fits in perfectly with our art-based project work.

The children will be using the text as a basis for all of their written work in the first few weeks; they will be writing non-fiction letters, diary entries in role as the characters, and the year 2s will expanding their grammar knowledge as they look at commas, contractions and conjunctions.

MATHS

During Terms 5 and 6, year 1 will have another focus on place value and year 2 will be returning to addition and subtraction, looking at formal written methods.

Both year groups will also be learning about money, recognising and identifying different coins and notes, and applying their skills of addition and subtraction to adding amounts of money and giving change.

During Term 6, we will be learning about different measurements, including capacity, length, mass and temperature.

We will be continuing with regular counting sessions in order to develop fluency and automaticity in the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

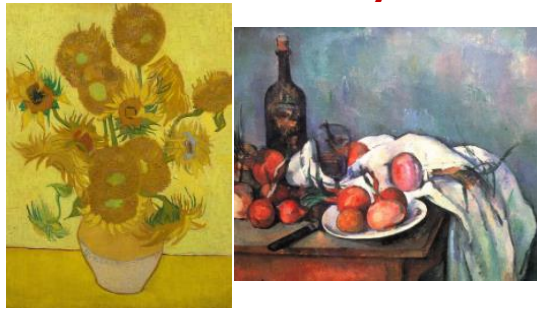
PROJECT: Create (Art Focus)

Our exciting art project will give the children the opportunity to capture the world around them from their own perspectives. We want this project to be personal to the children and allow them the freedom to explore things in their environment. The children will be supported to create artworks that depict their favourite foods, special objects from home and in their classroom. Our Create project gives the children the opportunity explore a range artists and artworks and begin to hone their artistic skills in order to talk about and analyse both their own and other's work. They will be experimenting with a variety of techniques including mark making, painting, drawing, collage, digital art, textiles and sculpture using a range of media and materials. We will be exploring still life artworks from famous artists including Paul Cezanne, Vincent Van Gogh and Andy Warhol as well as, some more contemporary artists such as Alai Ganuzaas and Leah Gardener.

Our Project is:

Still-Life:

A Window into my World



SCIENCE

This term we are learning all about plants. The children will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will be investigating how to grow, and keep, a healthy plant. We will observe what will happen if a seed doesn't have water, heat or light.

We have also been observing a tree in the grounds, watching as it changes throughout the seasons. We will continue to observe and describe the changes we see occurring as Spring changes into Summer.

PE

Our P.E topic for this term is 'target games'. The children will be developing their underarm and overarm throwing techniques and will be practising their throwing for accuracy by aiming at a variety of targets. The children will have chances to put their skills into simple team games to also help them develop their teamwork and decision-making skills. During term 6, the children will be preparing for Sports Day in P.E sessions.

COMPUTING

This term we will learn how to create our own animated stories using the Purple Mash program "To Create a Story." We will create pictures and make them come alive using sounds and movements!

R.E

This term, we will explore the question 'Why do Christians trust Jesus and follow him?' We will focus on who Christians believe Jesus is and why people continue to trust and follow Jesus today.

P.S.H.E

Our focus in PSHE this term is "Relationships". We will be exploring different families and will be discussing ways to resolve conflict with friends. We will also be talking about people who can help us within our families, school and community.