

### **Squirrel Class information:**

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

Our P.E afternoon will be Thursday this term. As the weather seems to be improving, we will be holding our P.E sessions outside whenever possible so please ensure children have suitable clothing and footwear in school.

#### **Homework**

Homework will be sent home on Fridays to be returned to school by the following Thursday.

#### **Reading Diaries:**

Please can children read at home as often as possible. We recommend at least 4 times a week.

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

[www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Our class blog is at:

<http://barcombesquirrels.wordpress.com>

Here you will find information about the class, photographs, upcoming events and links to useful websites.

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

- Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 9am: Squirrels Curriculum Meeting
- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am: Squirrel Class Assembly
- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Bank holiday
- Half Term: Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>
- Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: Sports Day
- Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: Class Photos

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

- Visit Drusilla's
- Go on nature walks and be a wildlife spotter
- Plant some seeds outside at home
- Build a plant terrarium

# Welcome to Squirrel Class

## Curriculum Information

Term 5 and 6

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Teacher: Mrs Sakaki

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Tomsett

## ENGLISH

We will be beginning this term by studying 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be using Talk for Writing techniques such as learning the text by heart and adding actions and drama to it. We will then be innovating the text to create our own journey stories. Towards the end of the term, we will be exploring 'Pattan's Pumpkin' which links with our 'Plants' topic.

Phonics/grammar sessions will continue to happen daily across Key Stage 1 and the children will now be encouraged to draw upon spelling patterns as well as their phonics to help them spell unknown words.

## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

Our initial topic is 'Walking in the Jungle' and we will be determining the differences between jungle and rainforest and identifying where the jungles and rainforests are around the world.

During term 6 our topic will be 'Plants' and we will be observing and identifying plants that grow locally.

## P.H.S.E

We will spend term 5 focussing on relationships. This will involve us learning how to make friends and how to help others to feel part of a group.

## SCIENCE

Our Science focus for term 5 will be animals. We will 'walk in the jungle' looking for animals and learning about their characteristics. In term 6, we will be exploring plants through simple growing experiments. We will also learn how to recognise the parts of a plant and recall the purpose of each part.

Our Learning Journeys are:

## **Walking in the Jungle and Plants**

## Music

We will be soundscapes for our 'Jungle Walk' using tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

## R.E.

In term 5, we will learn about Judaism and in term 6 with a focus we will focus on Christianity.

## MATHS

We will begin the term focussing on simple multiplication and division strategies, specifically looking at multiples of 10 and then move on to looking at fractions. In term 6, we will have three short units on geometry, money and time. Throughout both terms we will continue to solidify our understanding of tens and units within numbers to 100, as well as strengthening our fluency and accuracy with addition and subtraction to 20.

## P.E.

Our P.E. will continue to be taught by Mrs. Sakaki for both terms. In term 5, we will be focussing on football skills including practising dribbling and passing skills as well as developing their understanding of the basic rules in a game of football. In term 6, we will be designing and playing our own games, which will highlight all of our skills learnt over the past year and applying them in a creative manner.

We will also continue to ensure that the children have at least one exercise session a day, normally a 'Jump Start Jonny' co-ordination video or running the daily mile.

## Art and DT

Mrs Edwards will continue to teach art on a Tuesday - much to the children's delight! For term 5, the children will use the printmaking method to create imagery. In the following term, the children will be thinking about Art using natural resources, drawing on the artist Andy Goldsworthy for inspiration.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

We will be getting outside as much as possible this year to do lots of our learning at Wild about Barcombe. We will get muddy and dirty, but we will have great fun!