

Home Learning

Thank you for continuing to support your children at home.

Reading - Please read regularly with your child at home as it really helps them to develop their early reading skills. Sharing lovely stories and picture books together is also really valuable. It helps to develop reading for pleasure and comprehension skills.

Here are some websites for online books.

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Maths - Your child has a Numbots account, which can be accessed at home. We are going to be working on our times tables this term. This is a great website for practising them:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> The children also have their Timetable Rockstar accounts they can use.

Handwriting - This term, we will have a handwriting focus. At school, we practise lead-ins so that they are ready for cursive writing. The letters lead in from the bottom, starting on the line, and then lead out again. The children should all be writing in joined up writing by the end of Year 2 but it's never too early to begin practising! We will put a letter formation grid on Google Classroom.

Google Classroom- If you are still having problems accessing Google Classroom please let us know. We post messages, work and photos on there.

Dates for your Diary

Cumnor House Science Visit- March - Date TBC

Curriculum Meeting- Monday 17th January 9.00am

We will visit **WAB** this term and will also have a fund-raising event to raise money for our class charity "Raystede". Look out on Google Classroom for other dates and information as the term progresses.

Welcome to Squirrel Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 3 and 4

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SCHOOL

Teachers: Mrs Payne and Mrs Finch

English

We will explore our project further using water themed texts and a film. To start the term we will be watching the short film "Blue Umbrella." We will be thinking about the authors intent and plotting how the characters are feeling throughout the film. We will also be exploring two texts during the term. "Drop: An adventure through the water cycle" by Kate Moon and "The Rhythm of the Rain" by Grahame Baker Smith. We will also look at the text "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers. The children will use the texts as a basis for drama, information writing, story writing and poetry. We will also be focusing on handwriting this term and there will be dedicated handwriting sessions each week. Our daily phonics lessons will also continue this term.

Geography/DT

This term our project focus is Geography and DT based. The theme is **WATER**. We will be exploring oceans and seas across the planet. We will also be looking at the different continents and finding out about a variety of water sources including river, waterfalls and lakes. In DT, we will look at bridges, dams and wells and have a go at making some!

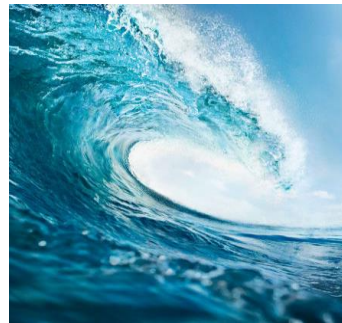
Science

Our Science focus this term is **Living Things and Their Habitats**. We will be identifying and classifying different animals, talking about what they need to survive and exploring which habitats they are suited to. We will look at a variety of different habitats. We are also hoping to visit WAB to explore the habitats there! We will also be exploring Seasons and seasonal changes.

We have also been invited to Cumnor House school in term 4 for a science afternoon. We will explore their science labs and take part in some investigations which is very exciting!

Our Project is:

WATER



P.E.

Our focus in P.E this term is Gymnastics. We are very lucky to have our Tuesday P.E lesson led by one of the Sportscool Coaches.

Maths

The children are very excited to hear that our main focus for term 3 will be times tables and learning to confidently count in, and use, multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10. The children will learn what the 'x' symbol means, how to use it successfully and will hopefully become proficient in their 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables. We will then move on to looking at division in the context of sharing equally. The children will be solving simple division problems and beginning to use the division sign. The Year 2 children will also look at the relationship between multiplication and division.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to develop the children's understanding of coding, using the 2Go program: Maze Explorers. We will be learning to use direction keys to create and debug simple algorithms.

Art

In Art we will be exploring different ways of using a paint brush and we will experiment with the different marks that can be made. We will listen to water inspired music and will create pictures using our responses.

R.E

In RE this term, our focus is on Judaism: Belonging. We will be exploring why learning to do good deeds is important to Jewish People. We will link this to the Christian story of the Good Samaritan. We will learn about Mitzvah- doing a good deed or action.

PSHE

Our PSHE focus this term is **Dreams and Goals**. We will talk about our aspirations, how to achieve goals and how to understand the emotions that go with this. We will think about our learning strengths and how we can work with others to support our learning. We will also explore how we can develop perseverance.