

### **Squirrel Class information:**

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

We will have P.E on a **Wednesday and a Thursday** during term 3. Children are to come to school in P.E 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, e.g. 4 + 6. Your child will also have a Numbots account set up which we encourage you to access at home at least once a week.

### **Our school office email address is:**

[barcombeoffice@skylarkfed.education](mailto:barcombeoffice@skylarkfed.education)

**Google Classroom** is where you will find photos of our learning in school, messages and specific homework tasks.

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

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - Chartwells are visiting the school to lead workshops for the children.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Open Morning for prospective parents

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ancestor project book look. Books sent home for the weekend for parents to look at 😊

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last day of term 3

Parent Consultations – TBC

Easter Service - TBC

### **Things you could try at home to enrich learning:**

- Research a polar animal.
- Explore children's atlases and bring in some facts in to share
- Get crafty and make a polar animal.
- Read a book about climate change and think of small ways in which you can make a difference.
- Watch some suitable clips of David Attenborough's Frozen Planet.

# Welcome to Squirrel Class

## Curriculum Information

## Terms 3 and 4

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

## ENGLISH

We are beginning term 3 by looking at instructional texts and exploring how and why instructions are used. The children will create their own bird feeders and then look back at the steps they took in order to write their own set of instructions.

We will then move on to read a beautiful book called 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. The children will have the chance to explore the characters through drama and discussions before we move on to write our own narratives based around the book.

Phonic sessions will continue to happen daily. The children will be split into discreet year groups for these sessions as we follow our Rocket Phonics scheme. Year 1 learn together in Squirrel Class with Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Payne and Year 2 go to the bubble with Mrs Tomsett for these sessions.

## MATHS

This term we will be focussing on multiplication and division. Children will be learning how to group equally, understand what an array is and how to use them to help them solve multiplication and division problems. We will then learn about fractions and solve practical fraction problems involving shapes and quantities. In term 4, we will be revisiting addition and subtraction, applying our understanding to bigger numbers and Year 2 children will be adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will also be learning to solve simple problems involving money.

### PROJECT: Explore (Geography Focus)

Our project focus this term is The Poles. During term 3, the children will be developing their geography skills by using atlases, maps and globes to identify the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be exploring the main differences between the two poles, including the different animals that can be found there. We will also think about the climate at the poles and compare it to the climate around the equator. Finally, the children will look at the famous explorer Scott and his race to the Antarctic.

During term 4, we will be focusing on danger at the poles and looking at how climate change is affecting the habitats at the poles.

### Our Project is: **Danger at the Poles**



## SCIENCE

As part of our on-going science work around seasons, we will be venturing out to observe signs of Winter. We will be comparing the daylight to other seasons. Alongside this, we will be linking our science with our project work as we learn all about different habitats. We will be considering how animals adapt to survive in changing environments and we will be focussing on animals that live in extreme temperatures.

## R.E

During term 3, we will be revisiting the religion of Islam and exploring what Muslims believe and how this makes a difference to how they live. The children will learn about the many names given to Allah and the 5 pillars of Islam. During term 4, we will be looking at the Christian festival of Easter and why it holds significance for Christians.

## P.E.

In PE this term, we will be focusing on gymnastics. We will explore travelling and balancing in different ways on and around the apparatus. We will also be performing gymnastic shapes and linking them together in a sequence.

One P.E session a week will be delivered by a specialist from Sports Cool.

## P.S.H.E

Our theme this half term is Dreams and Goals. We will be learning about goals and successes, and we will think about how it feels to set a goal and to achieve it. Our theme for Term 4 is Healthy Me. We will be learning about ways to be happy and healthy. We will explore healthy eating, medicine safety, exercise and ways to relax.

## Art and DT

Throughout term 3 the children will be learning how to make hinges and levers from paper and paper fasteners. They will then use these skills to design and create a polar inspired moving picture. During term 4 the children will be cooking!