

### **Squirrel Class information:**

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

Our P.E afternoon will be Wednesday again this term. In addition, we will be doing some other short form of exercise regularly throughout the week, so please ensure PE kits stay in school each day.

#### **Homework**

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

#### **Reading Diaries:**

Please can children read at home as often as possible. We recommend at least 4 times a week. Please let the class teacher know if you are available to come into school and hear readers at any point in the week. We have availability on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We really value your support!

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

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

Our class blog is:

<http://barcombesquirrels.wordpress.com>

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

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

- Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am: Squirrel Reading Meeting
- Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am: Squirrel Class Assembly
- Tuesday, April 2nd 9am: Easter Service at St Mary's

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

- Go to an Indian restaurant or make Indian food at home
- YouTube some Bollywood dancing tutorials
- Visit a castle: Bodiam, Herstmonceux, Hever
- Build a castle using toys or household materials

# **Welcome to Squirrel Class**

## **Curriculum Information**

## **Term 3 and 4**

**BARCOMBE**  
C. OF E.  
**SCHOOL**

Teacher: Mrs Sakaki

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Tomsett

## ENGLISH

We will be studying an Indian folklore called 'Tiger Child'. We will use the book to inspire our own descriptive writing, as well as use this as a stimulus for information writing. Our second text links to our science focus on seasons and is called 'The Robot and the Bluebird.' In term 4, our text genre will be traditional tales and our writing focus will be recounting an event or experience.

Phonics sessions will continue daily across Key Stage 1 and children will be encouraged to spell words phonetically or use known spelling patterns during independent writing.

## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

During our India topic, the children will be locating India on a map or globe and learning about its culture. We will compare India with the UK, considering a variety of human and physical factors.

During term 4, we will be going back in time to look at Castles. We will consider how they were built, who lived in them and why they were attacked.

## P.H.S.E

We will spend term 3 thinking about 'Dreams and Goals' - how to set goals, tackle new challenges and work effectively with partners. In term 4 we will be learning about staying healthy and good hygiene.

## P.E.

During P.E we will be focussing on two topics: ball games and yoga. For ball games, children will learn some basic body positioning and throwing movements to increase their control and accuracy. Yoga relates to our topic and children will learn a variety of poses that will lead up to creating their own movement patterns.

## MATHS

We will continue to solidify our knowledge with numbers to 100, skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s, and use addition and subtraction within 20. As with all of our number work, we will be using concrete, pictorial and written methods to strengthen understanding of the key concepts, and solving a variety of fluency and reasoning problems to aid understanding. We will also be expanding our knowledge of shapes, and learning new skills to measure in various ways.

Our Learning  
Journeys are:

**India  
and  
Castles**

## ICT

Children will be exploring and gaining some proficiency in Word Processing to develop their computer skills.

## 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!

## R.E.

This term, we are focusing on the story of Creation. The children will consider the Christian belief of who created the world. We will use stories, props, and storyboards in our learning. Next term, we will be examining the customs and beliefs associated with Easter.

## SCIENCE

Our Science links with our topics. In term 3, the children will be studying seasons and comparing seasonal changes in UK and India. In term 4, we will be exploring everyday materials and examining the materials used to build castles.

## Art and DT

Art will continue to be taught by Mrs Edwards - much to the children's delight! They will be exposed to various elements of Indian art and will focus on printmaking to create a piece of work. In term 4, textiles will be the focus and will have strong links to the Castle topic.