

Squirrel Class information:

P.E.

We will have P.E on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. 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, 5s and 10s and number bonds to 10, e.g. 4 + 6. There may also be times where other homework tasks set on Google Classroom, but we will let you know.

Our school office email address is:

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:

- Week Commencing 18th October- Parent Consultations.
- Friday 22nd October and Monday 1st November- INSET days

Things you could try at home to enrich learning:

- Explore information books on Castles and maybe visit a real Castle if you can. We are really hoping to visit Lewes Castle! More info to follow.
- Make a castle using a construction kit or junk modelling materials. Take a photo and email it to the school office so it can be shared with the class.
- Science-Floating and sinking - Why do some things float and some things sink? Experiment with different objects and materials to see if they float or sink and talk about why this could be. Explore what materials and objects are made from around the home.
- Writing- Write for real purposes such as a letter or card to send to someone. Write lists such as a shopping list.

Welcome to Squirrel Class

Curriculum Information

Term 1 and 2

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

ENGLISH

In our English lessons this term, we will be delving deep into our Project **Conflict**. During term 1 and into term 2 we will be looking at two books, the first is called 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woollvin and the second 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon' by Richard Adams. The children will be using these texts as a basis for drama, writing in role and writing for different purposes. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore persuasive writing in terms 1 and 2. They will be reading and recalling information to inform their ideas and presenting an argument to the class. The children will also be taking on the role as a cook in a castle. They will be baking bread, and writing a persuasive text to entice people to buy their product! Our daily phonics lessons will also continue.

PROJECT: Conflict (History Focus)

Our History work this term is part of our project 'Conflict'. Within this topic we will be diving into what life was like in a medieval castle. The children will be finding out about UK Castles and why the Normans built them. We will be learning about different types of castles as well as some historical figures who might have lived in one. We will be hot-seating William the Conqueror and talking about the 4 claimants to the throne in 1066. This project allows us to look at and analyse amazing artefacts such as the Bayeux Tapestry and provides us with plenty of fun opportunities to explore, discover and analyse the past. We will be baking bread like cooks in castles, finding out about a knight's daily routine, designing our own coat of arms and even building our own castles!

P.H.S.E

This term's focus is 'Being me in my world'. The children will explore the idea of belonging. They will work together as a class to decide on their class agreement and will talk about what it means to belong to the class. We will discuss ways that the children can help each other learn, talk about when and where they feel 'safe and special' as well as discussing what it means to feel proud.

Our Project is: **Conflict** **(Castles)**



P.E.

In PE this term, we will be focusing on developing movement and coordination. We will be exploring multi-skills activities to develop balance, spatial awareness, agility and coordination. We will be playing lots of fun games and working as a team! The children come to school in their P.E kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MATHS

Our main focus at the beginning of Term 1 will be place value and understanding number. Children will be sorting, representing and comparing groups of objects and numbers and identifying one more and one less than a given number. They will be representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations and will be solving simple reasoning problems. We will also be looking at how 2-digit numbers are made of tens and ones. We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The Year 1 children will use concrete apparatus to help them add and subtract 1- and 2-digit numbers and the Year 2s will be learning written methods of addition and subtraction.

SCIENCE

Our focus this term in Science is Materials and their properties. We will be identifying and naming a variety of materials and exploring their properties. We will be taking part in experiments and making predictions about whether we think objects are going to float or sink. We will be designing a castle and use our knowledge of both materials and castles to decide what material will be the best to defend the people inside from attack!

ART and Computing

We will be using a resource called Purple Mash to hone the children's understanding of coding, and to improve their articulation of key points relating to e-safety. In Art, children will continue to produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. We will continue to develop our drawing, painting and crafting skills.

R.E

Our RE focus this term is 'Gospel.' We will be learning about what a Parable is, and we will be exploring three Parables. *Key Questions -What did Jesus teach about God in his parables?* We will also be exploring 'Thankfulness' and will talk about the things we are thankful for.