

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.

Reading

Please continue to read daily with your child at home as it really helps them to develop their early reading skills.

Maths

Your child has a Numbots/TTRS account, which can be accessed at home. If you need another log in, please contact Mrs Wilkins

Forest School (Y2 only)

On Wednesdays, Year 2 will be having Forest School in the morning. They will be outside in almost all weathers, for the whole morning, so please ensure your child is appropriately dressed. Lots of layers and waterproofs and wellies are essential! Please bring school clothes in a bag for children to change back into for the afternoon.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23rd January - Squirrel Class Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 29th January - STEM Ambassador Visit (Volcano workshop for KS1)

Friday 4th February - NSPCC Number Day

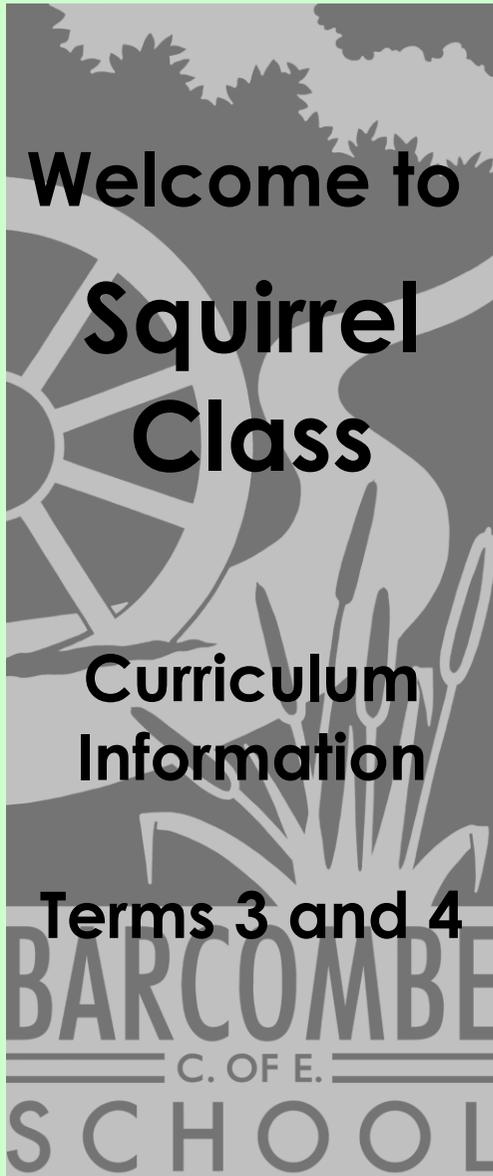
Wednesday 5th March - Science afternoon at Cumnor House. (More info to follow but we will be asking for volunteers to help transport the children to and from Cumnor House).

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 10th March—Thursday 14th March —Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 14th February - Parents invited in to read with their child(ren).

Class trip: TBC



Welcome to Squirrel Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 3 and 4

Teachers: Mrs Wilkins & Mrs Payne

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Lomas

English

We will begin this term using the lovely picture book text 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. We will be using drama and building on our oracy skills to explore elements of the text. We will be considering the impact of word choices in our sentence writing and will ultimately be writing our own stories inspired by this story. Our second English text will be the wonderful story 'The Storm Whale'. Throughout our narrative journey we will use adjectives, verbs, onomatopoeia and similes. We will finish the unit by planning and writing an epilogue for the story.

We will also be completing some non-fiction writing around Amazon animals to link with our geography learning.

We will have a focus on cursive handwriting this term and will be having focused handwriting sessions each week. Our daily phonics lessons will also continue this term.

Project: Explore

Our project focus for term 3 is 'water' and our main focus will be the Amazon River and Rainforest. Throughout the term, the children will be developing their geography skills by using atlases, maps and globes to identify South America and the Amazon. We will also be comparing the Amazon River to our very own River Ouse; exploring the main differences between the two rivers, including the different animals that can be found there.

During term 4, our focus will shift to DT where we will be working as designers and creators. To complement our project theme of 'Water', we will be designing and creating a shelter for a water vole.

Our Project is:

WATER



Maths

Our focus this term will be place value to 100. After that, we will be applying our understanding of place value to solve addition and subtraction problems within 100. Once we are confident with addition and subtraction, we shall move onto the other two operations - multiplication and division. We will be working practically, learning how to group equally, understand what an array is and how to use arrays to represent and solve multiplication and division problems

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.

PSHE

Our theme for PSHE 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. We will also think about how we can learn with others and complete group challenges. 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.

Science

This term, we will be discussing the weather and using our outside area to find signs of winter. We will also be looking at life cycles. We will be noticing that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.

We have also been invited to Cumnor House School in term 4 for a science afternoon.

P.E.

Our focuses in P.E this term are gymnastics and basketball. We are very lucky to have our Tuesday P.E lesson led by one of the SportsCool Coaches.

Computing

Our focus this term in computing is "Lego Builders". The children will follow and give instructions to each other and on the computer. They will be introduced to the word "algorithm."

R.E

Our RE focus this term is 'Religion and Rituals'. We will learn the difference between a routine and a ritual and learn about some of the rituals that different religions have.

Art

In art we will be exploring malleable materials. We will design our own rainforest animals and then make them out of clay. In term 4, we will move to a painting focus.