



Squirrels Newsletter—Autumn 1

Year 3 have made an excellent start to the new term. It has been lovely meeting and getting to know all the children in Squirrels class who are all keen, enthusiastic and eager to learn.

Our Theme for the Autumn Term is Ancient Greece which will see the children learning with a History and Geography focus. Within our theme sessions, children will be exploring the different aspects of Ancient Greek life such as the Ancient Greek Empire, democracy in Athens, the birth of the Olympics and many other fascinating things. We are sure that the children will find this an interesting and enjoyable learning theme and encourage any further research and discoveries which the children learn at home to be shared with the class at school.

A snapshot of our learning focuses in all curriculum subjects this half term:

Maths - We are currently focussing on number sense and exploring calculation strategies, after this we shall be looking at place value of numbers up to 1,000.

Success for all – All children will be working on different things within their SFA lesson. It is clear to see children's reading and writing skills are developing in these lessons.

Science - In science, children are becoming experts in living things and their habitats. This is including looking at the life processes of a living thing and exploring habitats in our local environment.

Computing – Children have been exploring the importance of online safety. All children have signed an online safety agreement which was discussed and decided as a class.

French – Mrs Lennon has introduced French to Squirrels. They are now confidently saying bonjour, au revoir and other French greetings.

Music – Year 3 have been exploring their music skills with Mrs Lennon, looking at the Tortoise Song and focussing on the descriptive words, the slow beat and the rhythm.

P.E – An external company have been coming in to take the children for P.E. They are currently doing gymnastics.

Performing Arts – Squirrels have been participating in a performing arts lesson where they have been looking at scripts and songs from the Wizard of Oz.



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E</u></p> <p>Children will be having P.E every Friday so will need to make sure they have their P.E kits in on this day. Please also ensure that your children's clothes are clearly labelled so any lost property can get back to the right places. Children are also going to be swimming on Friday mornings so will need their swimming kits. This needs to include a swimsuit/trunks, a swimming hat, a towel, goggles (optional) and a waterproof coat and shoes to walk there and back.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Personal Organisers</u></p> <p>Every child in key stage two have received personal organisers (for this academic year). The children are expected to bring these into school every day and take them home every evening. The cost of a replacement will be £4.00. When you hear your children read at home, please let us know by a short comment in the reading section. This will help us to keep a track on how much the children are reading as well as what types of texts. These will also be used for any key messages to be shared and to write homework in.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water Bottles</u></p> <p>Please ensure your children have a labelled water bottle in school with them every day so they can drink regularly during their lessons, as well as take these out to lunch to ensure they are well hydrated throughout the day and therefore able to focus on their learning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Children will receive homework on a Friday and this is expected to be returned on a Wednesday.</p>

Thank you for all of your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions about your child's learning or their wellbeing.

Kind Regards,

Miss P Parker

Squirrels Class Teacher