

Squirrels Autumn Term.

PE. Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Our focus this term will be dance and games

English The whole school begins with a focus on **India**. Squirrels will look at some stories by Rudyard Kipling as well as learning about tigers. After that we will use both non fiction and fictional texts to support our learning about famous astronauts, aliens and space. We will be writing stories, poetry and postcards as well as character descriptions and SPAG (**S**pelling, **P**unctuation and **G**rammar.) We will also continue with Big Write on Fridays.

Maths Our maths focus will be place value, addition and subtraction. Year 2 children will move onto multiplication and division. Problem solving, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and mental maths will continue to be a regular part of our week. Alongside the arithmetic we will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes and money.

Music This term we will be exploring; pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and chords in a range of songs relating to space. **Computing** We will be using Purple Mash to cover areas such as on-line safety, grouping/sorting, pictograms, instructions, animated stories, coding and uses of technology.

Science Our focus this term seasonal change. We will be working scientifically performing simple tests, carrying out investigations and recording data. This area also includes day and night, weather and length of day. There will be lots of 'hands on' experiences cooking, finding out about gravity and making our own powered rockets.

Space Explorers

RE. Our theme this first term is about belonging to groups and being special in our family and to God. After half term we learn about symbols in Christianity and Judaism as well as becoming familiar with the Nativity.

Art and Design/ Design Technology

We will be painting tigers, making model rockets, getting involved in lots of space art and cooking. Children will have the opportunity to use a variety of art materials.

PHSE Our focus will be on our class rules as well as special strengths and weaknesses. In addition we will be thinking about taking responsibility for our possessions , being honest and taking responsibility for our behaviour and actions.

Phonics and Reading

All children will participate in daily phonics to build upon their phonic knowledge as well as practising their tricky words. Children will read regularly in school and please support your child by listening to them read as well as reading stories to them.

Topic We will be investigating flight from Icarus, to balloons, bi-planes, modern airlines and finally rockets. Our fact finding about explorers will focus on Neil Armstrong as well as learning about Amelia Earhart the first female aviator. In addition, we will learn about the solar system and the phases of the moon.