

Welcome to Squirrels

2024-25



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be teaching your child this academic year and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Please find below some helpful information which will hopefully clarify any questions you may have.

Staffing:

Class teachers: Miss Annels (Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs PM, Fri) & Mrs Peckham (Thurs AM)

Teaching assistant: Mrs Patience (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri mornings) & Miss Dias (Mon mornings)

**Year 3 - Maths will be taught by Mr Lawford and Science/Spellings will be taught by Mrs Trevor.*

What does my child need to bring?:

-All stationery your child requires will be provided by the school.

Each day, your child will need:



-water bottle/lunch -waterproof coat -reading record and book






-Fruit snack (This is provided for children in year 2)

Please ensure that all belongings are named.

PE days will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Please can you child wear their PE kit to school on these days.

What will my child be learning? Autumn Curriculum Coverage:

Maths	Place Value - to 100 (Yr2) and one thousand (Yr3) Addition and subtraction - two-digit numbers (Yr2) and three-digit numbers (Yr3) Shape - 2D and 3D (Yr2) Multiplication Focus (Yr3)	
English	<u>Autumn 1</u> Character descriptions linked to "Traction man is here" Setting descriptions and Character descriptions linked to "Hotel Flamingo" Recounts linked to our educational visit	<u>Autumn 2</u> Non-chronological reports
Whole Class Reading	Hotel Flamingo by Alex Milway 	Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre 
Religious Education	Autumn 1 Creation: Has Christmas lots its true meaning?	
Science	Autumn 1 Year 2 - Materials Year 3 - Rocks	Autumn 2 Year 2 - Animals including humans Year 3 - Light

Geography and History	(Autumn 1) Stone age to bronze age	How and why is my local environment changing?
Music	Music that makes you dance Enjoying improvisation	
P.E	Wednesday: BRS Coaching Hockey 	Monday: Wimborne Tennis Club 
Art	<u>Drawing and clay</u> Quentin Blake	
Design technology	Structures - Constructing a castle	
Computing	Autumn 1 Online Safety 	Autumn 2 Creating our own music
PSHE	Autumn 1 <u>Me and My Relationships</u> -Co-operation -Feelings -Friendship 	Autumn 2 <u>Valuing Differences</u> 
French	Moi! All about me	

How can I help at home?

Reading:

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Please sign their reading log to detail what they have been reading. These will be collected in on a Monday. We encourage the children to read at home at least three times a week and will be continuing with the 'Wild about Reading' challenge this year.



Spellings:

Your child will be assessed on their spellings words on a Tuesday and their new list will be shared on the same day. The list will comprise of

For year 2, 6 words: 4 spelling pattern words and 2 Yr1/2 common exception words.

For year 3, 8 words: 6 spelling pattern words and 2 Yr3/4 common exception words.

Times table practice:

Your child has a Times Table Rock Star (TTRS) login to practise their times table facts. Please encourage your child to practise as frequently as possible. Weekly competitions will be set up with the opportunity to be awarded certificates.



Class Dojo:

Your child should be assigned to Squirrels on Class Dojo for the new academic year. We look forward to continuing to use this platform to share your child's learning and celebrate their successes!

Volunteers:

If you are able to kindly offer your time, please let me know.

Educational Visits:

During the year, we will be planning some exciting trips for your child. To support our learning on the Stone Age, Squirrels will be visiting the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne on Thursday 3rd October. Please look out for the trip letter with details about this visit. If you would be available to kindly volunteer to support with this visit, please let me know.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Parent consultation meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 2nd October and Monday 7th October. This will provide an excellent opportunity to share how your child has settled in. I hope you will be able to attend. However, in the meantime, should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Best wishes,

Miss Holly Annels