

Term 5- Squirrel Class

Welcome Back!

Welcome back, Squirrels! We hope you've had a lovely break and are ready for another busy and exciting term. This term our topic is all about exploring the world around us, including science, history and learning about the lives of others. We've got lots of fun learning planned and can't wait to get started!

Communication and Interaction

We will continue to develop the children's speaking and listening through stories, play and conversation. There will be a strong focus on vocabulary and helping children talk about their ideas and experiences. We will encourage full sentences and back-and-forth conversations.

Maths

Children will explore number in a practical and engaging way, including finding one more and one less, doubling, and recognising odd and even numbers.

They will also develop their understanding of number bonds and sharing amounts equally. Activities will focus on building confidence in counting, recognising patterns and explaining their thinking.

Literacy

We will be focusing on writing for different purposes, including recounts, descriptions, instructions, stories and lists. Children will be encouraged to write simple sentences independently, using capital letters and full stops. We will support them to build confidence in recalling sentence structure and applying their phonics knowledge in writing.

Little Scientists: Growing and Changing

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore creativity through drawing, painting, modelling and imaginative play. They will have opportunities to represent their ideas and experiences, as well as experiment with different materials and techniques. Role play will develop across the term, supporting imagination, storytelling and collaboration.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be focusing on building confidence, independence and friendships. The children will be supported to manage their feelings, take turns and work together. We will also be encouraging resilience and trying new things.

Physical Development

PE will be on Friday afternoons and taught by Miss G. Children should wear uniform and bring their PE kit to change into after lunch. This term we will be focusing on gymnastics, developing balance, coordination, strength and control through floor work, shapes and simple sequences.

Understanding the World

This term, children will explore the natural world, learning about animals, minibeasts, plants and how things grow and change over time. Through real-life experiences, including trips and hands-on activities, they will develop their curiosity and understanding of the world around them. We will encourage children to ask questions, observe closely and talk about what they notice.