

Squirrel Class Termly Overview



Autumn Term 2020

Our topic this term is: The 1960s: The First Man on the Moon

English – Writing	In English we follow the Pathways to Write scheme of learning. This term we will be looking at two main books: 'Troll Swap' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. Through the study of these books, we will create a variety of written pieces including fictitious stories, instructions, letters, descriptive pieces, scripts, and non-chronological reports.
Maths	In Maths we use the White Rose Maths scheme of learning. The units we will be completing this term include Counting, Comparing Numbers, Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Shapes, Counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, Fact Families, and Money. We also dedicate time during each lesson to recap and revisit previous learning to ensure our children are confident with their Mathematical knowledge.
Science	This term in Science, we are learning about Everyday Materials. By the end of this topic the children will be able to identify and compare the suitability of different materials for particular uses. They will be given the opportunity to describe how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching. Also, we will carry out various experiments to give our children opportunity to make their own discoveries.
History	Our History topic for this term is 'The 1960s: The First Man on the Moon'. In this topic, we will learn about every day life in the 1960s and compare it to every day life today. We will have a focus on the first lunar landing and will learn about the significant individuals involved. We will also investigate the global significance of this event.
Geography	Our focus in Geography is a local one. Our topic title is 'Exploring Shropshire'. The children will learn about maps and have opportunities to practice their map skills. Using local leaflets and information, we will compare the rural parts of Shropshire to the more urban areas. Throughout this topic, the children will learn various Geographical vocabulary which will support their learning across the year.
Art	To tie in with our History topic, in Art we will be learning about Vincent Van Gough and his famous painting 'The Starry Night'. The children will learn about different colours and will be able to mix their own colours using paint. The children will be shown how to correctly use various artistic tools, including paintbrushes. They will create their own version of 'The Starry Night' painting, giving purpose to their newly learnt skills.
RE	'Christianity' is this term's RE focus. We will investigate importance of God to the Christian faith. We will learn about the different aspects of who God is, including the concepts of Trinity and Unity. The children will research and explore various Christian festivals and begin to understand their importance around the world.

DT	The children will be creating two meaningful projects. These projects will give opportunity for the children to plan, design, create, build, test, and evaluate. Through these projects, the children will be able to investigate the physical qualities of various materials, consolidating their Scientific learning.
PSHE	Our focuses this term are: Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Relationships, and Feelings and Emotions. Throughout these topics, our main priority is the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of each and every child.
Music	Our Music topic this term is titled 'I Wanna Play in a Band'. Through our Music sessions, the children will listen to various musical pieces and learn how to evaluate and assess them using correct vocabulary. The children will also have opportunity to create their own music using both tuned and untuned instruments. An important part of this is to learn how to record their creations onto paper, so this will also be a focus.

Our school day in Squirrel Class

	8:50	9:00	9:10	9:40		10:30	10:45			12:50	1:20		1:00
Monday	Rest Easy	Worship	Phonics: Read Write Inc	Maths: White Rose		Handwriting: Kinetic Letters	English: Pathways to Write	Child Initiated		Reading	Foundation Subjects	Child Initiated	Story Time
Tuesday	Rest Easy	Worship	Phonics: Read Write Inc	Maths: White Rose		Handwriting: Kinetic Letters	English: Pathways to Write	Child Initiated		Forest School			
Wednesday	Rest Easy	Worship	Phonics: Read Write Inc	Maths: White Rose		Handwriting: Kinetic Letters	English: Pathways to Write	Child Initiated		Reading	Foundation Subjects	Child Initiated	Story Time
Thursday	Rest Easy	Worship	Phonics: Read Write Inc	Maths: White Rose		Handwriting: Kinetic Letters	English: Pathways to Write	Child Initiated		PE			
Friday	Rest Easy	Worship	Phonics: Read Write Inc	Maths: White Rose		Handwriting: Kinetic Letters	English: Pathways to Write	Child Initiated		Reading	Science		Celebration