



Squirrel Class Newsletter Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year from Squirrel Class!

We hope you had a lovely holiday.

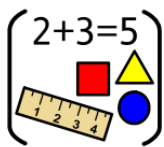
We have lots of fun and exciting activities to do with the children this term. We have had a great start to the term and we are looking forward to working with you and your child again this term.



Phonics & Reading: The children will continue to develop their phonic skills to support their reading, decoding words and becoming fluent, to then be able to read for meaning and enjoyment. Both phonics and reading have a designated place on the timetable where the children are encouraged to engage in a range of activities and books.



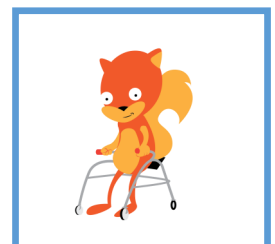
English including Communication: The children will continue to develop their language through the use of ALDs, which record a bank of words to support the topics being taught, enabling the children to recall and engage with their learning in a more meaningful way. During our English, skills will be taught through a range of books, including; The Queen's Knickers, The Kings Pants



Maths: During our maths sessions the children will be learning about time and how to read the time on a clock. They will be measuring and comparing weight and mass and will be further developing their understanding of number, including fractions.



Jigsaw: Our Jigsaw topics this term are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. The children will be reflecting on how we can face challenges and overcome these to be successful and reach their personal goals and dreams. They will also consider what they need to do to have a healthy body and how to stay safe, understanding that medicine can help us feel better when poorly, but can be dangerous if we take it when not needed.





Our topic is Turrets and Tiaras

This term in our topic we will be learning about the Iron Age, Castles and Kings and Queens. The theme will run through our English, where we will go back a little further in time, looking at the story Stone Age Boy

	<p>Science : The children will be learning about the properties of different materials and will be able to identify the best material for different purposes, e.g. an umbrella, window or boat.</p>
	<p>Humanities: There will be a focus on non-fiction books looking at how castles are built and what they were used for. The children will also be able to name some key monarchs and sequence them on a timeline.</p>
	<p>Computing: The children will be developing their basic skills in computing, logging on and off different devices, and using a range of programmes.</p>
	<p>Art & Music: Our music topic will be focusing on 'pulse' in music. The children will use drums, cymbals and brushes to maintain a fast or slow pulse. Our art and DT will be focusing using different media and experimenting with colour to produce a range of art work, including a focus on Pointillism and the artist Georges Seurat.</p>
	<p>RE: The focus this term is the miracles that Jesus performed. The children will be learning about some of his miracles , including; feeding the 5000 and raising the dead. They will then think about how the miracles made people feel.</p>
	<p>PE: We are continuing to work with the Wolves Coaches and will be focusing on dance, in those sessions. In our other PE sessions we will be developing our throwing skills and becoming more agile as we learn to play Dodgeball.</p>
	<p>Life Skills: The focus for the first half of term is cooking. The children will be learning about food hygiene, food preparation and will be given the opportunity to cook simple meals. In the second half of term we will be exploring the forest.</p>
	<p>British Values (Personal Development) We are hoping to visit Dudley Castle to support our learning on castles and will be working through our '101 Things to Do at Woodsetton School'.</p>
	<p>Home Learning: Reading Eggs/Maths Seeds and please read with your child at home, either their school book or a book they enjoy sharing with you.</p>
	<p>Our class email is: owls@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk The school email is: info@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk Please use the home/school book to inform us of any important information. Please call the school office if you any need any support. 01384 818265</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thankyou for your ongoing support.</p>	