

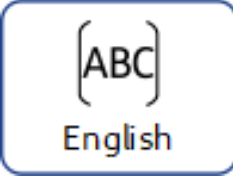
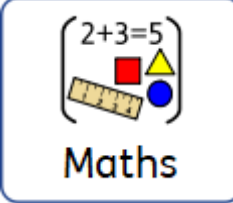




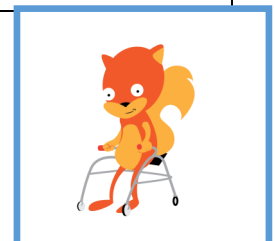
Squirrel Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Squirrel Class!

Welcome back to another school year; we hope that you all had a fantastic summer break. We are excited to start the new term and establish new routines. We strive to make lasting learning memories and to have a productive year.

Squirrel Class is part of Upper Key Stage 2 in school. Mr T Robinson is the class teacher and the teaching assistants in class are Mrs Morris and Miss Atwal.

	<p>We will have daily phonics and reading sessions, with each child working at their own level. We strive for every child to have a love for reading and sharing books. Your child will bring home a reading book everyday. Please spend time sharing this and reading together. Doing this will support your child's development and also enhance their speech and communication skills. Please ensure that books are sent back into school everyday. We will focus on blending and segmenting to support each child's reading and writing. We will also practise handwriting and comprehension through the use of topic based books.</p>
	<p>In Maths this term, we will be focusing on number, using and applying, and shape, space and measure. Pupils will develop their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, and begin exploring multiplication and division. We will also cover key areas of shape, time, money, length, mass, and capacity. Through practical tasks and problem-solving activities, we will build confidence and develop important life skills linked to everyday maths.</p>
	<p>We will have regular communication sessions to support speech, language, and social interaction. Children will take part in group activities that focus on sharing, turn-taking, and discussion. We will also work on individual communication targets through one-to-one and paired tasks. These sessions will help develop key skills such as using Makaton, expressing ideas, and building confidence when communicating with others.</p>
	<p>This term in Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will explore our bodies, skeletons, organs, heart, lungs, and how to keep healthy through food and the digestive system. We will also learn about different animal groups including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and how living things are classified.</p>











This term our topic is Marvellous Monsters!

We will be reading and exploring a variety of fun and imaginative stories all about monsters. These books will support learning across the curriculum, helping to build vocabulary, encourage creativity, and inspire discussion.

Some of the stories we'll enjoy include *Monsters Love Underpants*, *The Colour Monster*, *There's a Monster in Your Book*, *Not Now Bernard*, and *Where the Wild Things Are*. If you'd like the full list of texts, just let us know!

 History	This term, we're learning about life in <i>Ancient Greece</i> . We will explore <i>Greek</i> culture, beliefs, and how people lived in the past. We'll look at myths, traditions, and the influence <i>Ancient Greece</i> still has on the world today.
 Geography	We are learning about <i>Greece</i> as a European country. We will explore its location, famous landmarks, weather, food, and lifestyle. Activities will include map work, sensory experiences, and comparing <i>Greece</i> to the UK. This topic links closely with our History lessons.
 PSHE	Our Jigsaw themes for this term are; 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. During these sessions we will be working together and individually to share our thoughts and ideas and complete tasks and activities. We will think about ourselves and others and also promote our mental health and wellbeing.
 Art	Our art lessons will be inspired by <i>Ancient Greek</i> patterns, pottery, and architecture. We will also create imaginative monster-themed artwork linked to our topic 'Marvellous Monsters'. We will explore colour, texture, and shape using a range of materials and techniques.
 Music	In music, we're focusing on patterns. We will explore rhythm, repetition, and simple musical structures through singing, body percussion, and instruments.
 Computing	Throughout all topics, children will have the opportunity to learn and develop new and existing skills in; problem solving, logical reasoning, simple algorithms, understanding computer networks and e-safety. They will use and explore a range of programs and technologies in a variety of ways.
 RE	Our RE focus this term is <i>Christianity</i> . We will learn about <i>Christian</i> beliefs and values, including how kindness and care for others are important in the faith. Lessons will include stories, discussion, and reflection to support understanding and empathy.
 PE	This term, we will take part in football and gymnastics sessions. We will develop skills such as teamwork, coordination, balance, and movement. Some PE sessions will be led by specialist coaches from the Wolves Foundation to support skill development and confidence. Please ensure children have their PE kits in school each week so they can take part safely and comfortably. Our PE lessons are on every Tuesday and Thursday.
 Life Skills	In the first half of the autumn term, we will be learning how to stay safe online and make good choices. We will explore how media can influence decisions and how to recognise safe and unsafe situations. Following on from this, in the second half term, we will be introduced to basic first aid skills, including how to get help, treat minor injuries, and stay calm in emergencies.