



## Welcome to Squirrels Class Summer Term 5



### Land Down Under

This term, our topic Land Down Under will take children on an exciting journey to explore Australia and its unique features. They will learn about its geography, climates, and landmarks, while also discovering aspects of Indigenous Australian culture and art. Through a range of subjects, including geography, art, computing, and English, children will develop their knowledge and creativity in engaging and meaningful ways. We look forward to seeing their curiosity grow as they make connections across their learning.

#### English

This term, children will be following the Talk for Writing approach using the text *Monkey See, Monkey Do*. They will explore the features of a journey tale, where the main character goes on a journey, overcomes challenges, and solves a problem. The focus will be on developing rich setting descriptions to bring their writing to life. Children will build their confidence in storytelling by creating their own journey tales with clear structure and detail.

This term we will be setting spelling homework through the Spelling shed. Please log on each week to have a look at the assignment set.

**Science** - How does your garden grow?

This term, children will learn about how plants grow and develop. They will identify and describe the parts of flowering plants, as well as explore similarities and differences between common plants. Children will also observe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants over time. They will develop their observation skills by looking closely at changes in plants as they grow.

History - Not this term

#### Maths

This term, children in Year 1 and 2 will learn about money and fractions following the White Rose Maths approach. They will develop their understanding of coins and notes, including recognising their value, making amounts, and finding change. In fractions, children will explore halves and quarters, learning to recognise, find, and describe equal parts of shapes and quantities. They will also build confidence in applying these skills to solve practical, real-life problems.

#### Art

This term, children will explore different artistic styles and techniques, including learning about the artist George Seurat and Indigenous Australian art. They will experiment with cross-hatching, symbols, and dot painting to create their own artwork, including decorating a boomerang. Children will also develop their ability to reflect on and evaluate their own work.

#### Geography

This term, children will learn about the geographical features of Australia. They will explore hot and cold places, comparing climates and environments, and identifying key human and physical features, including important landmarks.

Children will also develop their map skills and compare the seasons in England with those in Australia.

Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) - Staying Safe

This term, children in Year 1 and 2 are learning how to keep themselves safe in different situations. They will explore how to stay safe at home and when out and about, including understanding what information is safe to share and what should be kept private. We are also helping children to identify trusted adults they can go to if they ever feel worried or unsafe.

PE

Will be taught by Emma Vaughn on a Friday. We will also have Witham Hall PE on a Thursday.

Religious Education - Judaism

This term, children will learn about what Jewish people believe about God and how they express their beliefs. They will explore key stories, including Abraham, and understand why he is an important figure in Judaism, as well as learn about features of a synagogue and how they are used in worship. Children will also learn about the festival of Shabbat and how it is celebrated in Jewish homes.

Computing - creating a quiz

This term, children will learn how to create their own quizzes using Scratch. They will explore how sequences of commands work, including how programs start and produce outcomes, and will practise following and adapting simple designs. As their confidence grows, children will design their own quizzes and learn how to improve their projects.

**Other Notes:**

**PE** this term is on a Thursday and Friday. Please remember children will need to come to school wearing their kit.

**Forest school** takes place on a Wednesday afternoon.

**Reading:** Children will be heard reading at least once a week. Please read on a regular basis at home throughout the week and ensure you bring your books to school each day. Children will bring home the phonics book they have read in school, an additional phonics book and a reading for pleasure book.

**Seesaw:** We love to see what you have been up to at home as this helps us to build up an overall learning journey for your child. Please upload experiences from home so we can talk to your child about this at school.

**We are looking forward to an exciting and busy Summer Term ahead!**