



## Squirrel Class

### Autumn Term 1: Muck, Mess and Mixtures

It has been so lovely to welcome back year one and year two children with their big smiles and stories of summer holidays. Can we also take this opportunity to say a very BIG welcome to our new reception children and their families. We look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks. We hope you all had a super summer and are now ready for your first term's topic.

This topic has a science and art focus with plenty of opportunity for hands on learning and lots of mess! Reception children follow the EYFS curriculum but will also join in on some of the topic work.



English	We will use Roald Dahl's <i>George's Marvellous Medicine</i> , <i>Revolting Rhymes</i> and <i>Revolting Recipes</i> to inspire our writing.  Writing captions for photographs, Writing character profiles, writing recipes, writing medicine labels, creating storybooks/ story strips
Art/ Design and Technology	Ink marbling, mixing powder paints. Look at the work of Kandinsky and use his style to create pieces.  Follow a recipe to cook
Science	Answer big science questions. Predict, observe closely and use scientific vocabulary to describe.  What happens when you add water to a substance? What is a mixture? Can you separate mixtures? What is a liquid? What is a solid? Can you change solids and liquids? Begin to understand changing states - explore this through cooking.
R.E	Creation - Who made the world
PSHE	Being me in my world

### Reading

As always we ask that you support your child with reading the books we send home. Please record this reading in the reading record book. Regular reading practise is vital to their progress.

All books will be changed on a Monday and Friday: children in Y1/2 can bring 3 books home of their choice within a colour band at a time. YR children will bring home books in due course.

## **Homework**

Year 1 and 2 are expected to complete the task. The reception children are also welcome to undertake a task, though this term it is not an expectation. All homework should be in by Monday 18th October. Children will talk about, and share, their homework piece during this last week.

The children are challenged to make their own Revolting Recipe! The children can think of 'normal' cuisine and think how they can rebrand it as a new dish. Spaghetti Bolognese could become 'Worms in Mud Sauce'. Please help your child to create a recipe. It would be great to also make the dish with your child. We would love to see photos of them cooking.

NOTE - the children do not need to bring the food into school!

## **Spellings**

Spellings are taught on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

## **P.E.**

P.E days will be Mondays and Thursdays. Please come to school dressed in PE kit. There is no need to bring in school uniform as the children will stay in PE kit all day. As the weather gets colder it is acceptable to wear tracksuit bottoms.

## **Other information**

Mrs Pendle - Class teacher

Miss Sheikh - teacher - working every morning teaching maths to all year groups.

Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Squires - Teaching Assistants

Mr Rogers - Thursday afternoons. Mr Rogers will teach PE and Music.

If you have any concerns, questions or information we need to know, please do talk to us at the gates in the morning and end of day. However, if a lengthier or more confidential conversation is required we can arrange an after school meeting or phone conversation.

If your child is having a birthday party we will always put birthday invites into bags during the day. We do not hand out invites as we understand that this can cause difficulties for some children. If you wish for your child to share a 'birthday' treat with other children, they may do this at the end of the day.

Let's hope for some late September sunshine to ease us into autumn - but as the days start to get chillier, please make sure coats are named.

Thank you for your support and here's to an exciting year!

Katie Pendle and the Squirrel class team.

