



SQUIRREL CLASS



NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

We are now half way through the year and the children have already come so far since starting in Year 3 in September. However, there is still so much learning to do and I'm looking forward to seeing what the children can achieve as we head towards the end of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress how much I appreciate the support of parents. It's so important and I thank you in advance for everything you do with your children at home to help them with their school work.

Mr Smith

MATHS

Here at Beck Row Primary Academy we follow a school-wide maths programme which uses concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to support our learning.



Squirrel class will be looking at fractions this half term, gaining an understanding of unit and non unit fractions and learning to add and subtract fractions.

LITERACY

We will be focusing on stories with familiar settings in English, particularly the story 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. The children will study this story before writing a sequel focusing on what happens to the characters after the original story has ended.

As well as this we will be looking at letter writing and using our topic work to write a persuasive argument.

Timetable for the week

P.E. – Squirrels will continue to have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Could I ask that PE kits are in school at the start of the week please to avoid forgetting them.

Homework - set on a Wednesday and due back in on a Monday, it is really important that this is handed in on time as it reinforces what we have been doing in class.

Spellings - these will be tested on a Wednesday.

Times tables – these will be tested on a Tuesday.

Topics

In our Topic work we will be comparing the UK to the USA. Throughout this unit the children will look at different national landmarks, compare animals that are native to each country, look at the states of the USA and the counties of the UK, and even compare British and American sports.

Art will be linked to the Topic work so children will study native American artwork such as totem poles and dream catchers. They will have an opportunity to design and make their own using different materials.

In Science our topic is 'Animals including Humans'. The children will be looking at classifying animals according to features and learning about how to lead an active, healthy lifestyle.

Our Golden Rules:

Around school and in all lessons all children follow these rules;

I use my manners.

I listen.

I help others.

I tidy up.

I put my hand up.

Children are rewarded for following these rules by moving up the behaviour ladder and if they reach the stars they will receive a certificate at the end of the day.

Ways that you can help your child at home this half term:

P.E. is on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child has suitable clothes and shoes for PE on these days as we will be doing some of our PE outside.

Homework - homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday. Spellings will also be coming home weekly with a sheet to practice the spellings on and a sheet with activities linked to the pattern in the spellings.

Reading remains a focus, and is a super way of making progress. This doesn't have to be a reading book; newspapers, comics and even the TV times count as reading and might help if your child is a reluctant reader. Please encourage your child to read regularly.

Should you have any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to me before or after school, or send in a note and I will do my best to resolve any issues.

Mr Smith