



SQUIRREL CLASS



NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and the children are ready to work hard again this half term. As always we have lots of learning to do and I'm sure the children will produce lots of excellent work over the next few weeks.

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 time this half term. This will include learning how to tell 12 and 24 hour time, digital and analogue time, and even how to tell the time using Roman numerals.

LITERACY

In English we will be studying the book 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. The children will use what they have read in their writing and throughout the unit of work they will be asked to produce various pieces of writing including diary entries, poems and letters. Of course the children will also be working on their reading skills, drawing inferences such as inferring characters feelings, thoughts and motives and showing understanding of what they are reading through intonation, tone and volume.

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 studying Ancient Egypt. Throughout this unit of work the children will study and compare the lives of some well known pharaohs, describe the development of pyramids and how these structures changed over time, investigate the inventions and achievements of the Ancient Egyptians, and learn about some of the many Gods that were part of their culture.

Art will also be linked to our topic of Ancient Egypt. During these lessons the children will look closely at Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, produce papyrus pictures and even make their own version of an Ancient Egyptian cartouche.

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