



Squirrels Class Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2 2018

Welcome back to the new half term! Our new topic for this half-term is 'Wall-E', please find details listed below.

English

Last half term we had a big push on our handwriting and presentation. It is definitely improving as some children have gained a pen licence. Congratulations if that was you! Please don't worry if not, as there is still time to get one!

This half term our English will be based on the film, Wall-E. We will be practising our use of organisational devices, emotive language and tone by writing a persuasive letter based on looking after the environment.

Following this, children will have the chance to write a

narrative based on a scene from the film. Children in Year 4 will be practising their use of fronted adverbials, commas and expanded noun phrases while Year 5 children will spend time using relative clauses, adverbs and modal verbs.



Reading

Congratulations to all the children in Squirrel Class who received Reading Certificates at the end of term! Please remember to sign the reading diary so we can record the

number of times read and change books when needed.



Guided Reading

The children will continue to take part in a weekly reading session with their class teacher, as well as an ERIC activity. Focuses this half-term are identifying themes from a text and commenting on the effect of language used.

Maths

Both year groups will be working on decimals. Children will gain an understanding of where and when decimals are used in everyday life.



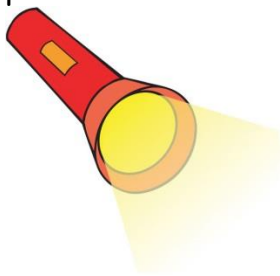
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The Year 4s will be looking at the effect of dividing a number by 10 and 100, while Year 5s will look at dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

The Year 5s will also be extending their knowledge of decimals to look at the value of thousandths.

Science

In science the children will be studying light. During this topic, the class will be identifying light sources and reflectors, looking at how shadows are formed and taking part in science investigations. The children will also have the added excitement of 'Science Week' which will be taking place.



History/Geography

In geography, children will be finding out about the impact humans have on the environment and how this can have a dramatic effect to eco-systems. They will then think of solutions to these problems.

In history, children will be comparing the change that has happened to environments over time.



Art

As part of our topic on 'Wall-E' the children will be developing their skills in shading and tone in order to portray light and dark in a portrait of Wall-E. When drawing, they will also

need to consider realistic proportions carefully. They will then be looking at using mixed media to create collage.



Computing

The children will be playing and analysing some educational computer games. While doing so, they will be analysing which features make it successful. Following this, the class will then design and plan a game.

French

The children will continue their learning on 'Food'. They will be expanding their



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French vocabulary and conversational skills.

RE

The children will continue to study Christianity. We will be focussing on the death and resurrection of Jesus and how these hold great significance to Christians. We will also be looking at some parables and their meanings.



Physical Education

On Wednesday afternoons, children will be taking part in dance sessions. While on a Thursday, they will take part in Games with Tom. Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school.



PSHCE

Through the use of discussion and activities we will be looking at the scientific names for the different male and female body parts. We will also be discussing familiar hygiene routines and how common illnesses can be prevented.



If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Miss Marshall-Spence