



Squirrel Class

Topic Web: Autumn 2026

Mrs Kemshell & Mrs MacBean

Literacy

Non-Fiction: We will be learning to write recounts and information texts (linked to topic), including Neil Armstrong.

Narrative: We will be exploring a variety of stories through 'drawing club', before completing a unit of work around the story, 'The Queen's Hat'.

Poetry: We will be learning about list poems and writing our own based on fireworks.

Phonics: All children in Years 1 and 2 will receive daily phonics teaching using the Monster Phonics spelling programme.

Computing

Our half termly units:

- Computing systems and networks – IT around us
- Data and information – Pictograms

PSHE

Our half termly units:

- Beginning and Belonging
- Anti bullying

Religious Education

We will be exploring questions around..

Who made the world and why do Christians pray to God and worship Him?

Numeracy

We will be developing our understanding of place value; learning more about tens and units using a range of equipment.

We will compare and order numbers, explore odds and evens and count in different sequences. We will improve our recall of number bonds to 10 and 20.

We will then focus on addition and subtraction strategies, explore calculation through pictorial representations, objects and arrays and how to apply them when solving problems.

Explorers



Physical Development

Fundamentals of Movement: We are learning to develop our sending and receiving ball skills.

Gymnastics: We will be learning to jump and land safely.

Dance: We are going to use movement imaginatively to represent weather through dance.

Music

This term we are using the Charanga unit, 'Having fun with improvisation. We will be learning to keep a pulse, move rhythmically to music and perform using tuned and untuned instruments. After half term focusing on learning our Nativity production songs.

History and Geography

We will be learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, focusing on Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus & Scott of the Antarctic.

Whilst learning about these explorers, we will also study the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

Our class bear, Explorer Ed, will be going on many adventures abroad this term so we look forward to seeing what he gets up to!

Art and DT

In Art we will be studying the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. Art will be taught by Mrs Wright.

In DT we will be learning about Mechanisms and will be designing and making moon buggies using axles and wheels.

Science

Our Science topics this term are investigating..

- Everyday materials.

We will identify and name everyday materials, describe and compare their properties, explain their uses, and explore how materials can be sorted and changed.

- Changing Seasons

We will identify the four seasons, describe seasonal changes in weather, plants and animals, and recognise how day length changes throughout the year. ..