

# Squirrel Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME to Squirrel Class. We hope that you have all enjoyed your summer break. The adults in Squirrel class have been very excited to meet the children and are looking forward to working with them all this year.



### Topic



Our topic this half term is 'What's Cooking' (materials). This topic is going to be very practical and hands on, and we hope to get out of the classroom as much as possible. As part of our topic we will be thinking about grouping materials, heating and cooling materials, adding water and recycling materials. To continue with these topics at home you could try the following:

- ✚ Sorting items in to groups by colour, size, and materials.
- ✚ Cooking different recipes e.g. jelly, bread, pasta and watch how things change.
- ✚ Explore adding water to materials e.g. flour, sand, paint powder.

### English

In English this half term we are thinking about instructions as well as continuing to develop our handwriting, reading and questioning skills.

Ideas to continue English at home:

- Following a simple recipe
- Writing your own recipe
- Making up a new game and telling someone the instructions

### Maths



In maths, our focus is handling data so we will be exploring key ideas relating to topic e.g. can you sort the materials? We will be using different graphs and charts. In number we will be practising our counting out skills and more/less, adding/taking away.

### Topic key language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are:

group, hard, soft, cold, hot, wet, dry, freeze, melt



### Squirrel Class staff



Molly Poulson - class teacher

Jane Shawyer - HLTA and PPA cover

Sarah Vernal - TA

Paige Easterbrook - TA

Debbie Tallack - TA (AM only)

### Key dates:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Inset day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - School ends for half term. 3pm.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - School begins.

### Please remember:

- There is a possibility of the weather getting hot again over the next few weeks so please make sure that the children have sun cream on and send spare into school in a named bottle.
- Please clearly name the children's uniform.

### PE



We have PE in Squirrel Class every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. If you have not already, please could you send your child in with an appropriate named t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls or trainers and possibly some track suit bottoms when it begins to get colder.