



## Squirrels' Class Newsletter

### Term 5

**Class Teacher: Mr Perry**

**Teaching Assistant: Mrs Spear**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. This term is a short but very busy term. We have a wonderful free school trip to Living Land sponsored by Biddenden Tractor Fest who have paid for our coach transport.

### Weekly Timetable

**Monday** - Times Tables - Maths - Maths - In depth specific subject learning either to develop past learning or to make sure all learning is covered.

**Tuesday** - Grammar - English - English - Topic

**Wednesday** - Grammar - Maths - Maths - PE

**Thursday** - Grammar - English - English -Spanish - Specific learning

**Friday** - RE - Maths - Art

Monday	Times Tables	Maths	Maths		In depth specific subject learning	
Tuesday	Grammar	English	English	Guided reading	Topic	
Wednesday	Grammar	Maths	Maths	Guided reading	PE	
Thursday	Grammar	English	English	Guided reading	Spanish	In depth specific subject learning.
Friday	RE	Maths			Art/ Map Skills	

Please note lessons may vary throughout the week for events and focussed learning.

**Please Remember:** P.E. will be taught on a Wednesday afternoon, please make sure children have appropriate footwear for outdoor sports, a named PE kit and a tracksuit bottoms if the weather is cold.

**English:** Our guided reading text this term will be 'Boy at the Back of the Class. By Onjali Q. Raúf

In literacy, our writing will be focussing on persuasive writing, interviews and debates. We will also be using our guided reading texts as the inspiration for our writing alongside our topic work.

Grammar is taught in the form of 20-minute morning lessons 3x a week.

Spellings will be tested weekly.

**Maths:** This term we will be finishing Fractions and then moving onto mass and capacity for year 3 and decimals for year 4. Further information and the scheme of learning is available on the White Rose website. If using this please select the correct year for your child.

Year 4s will also be having an extra 20 minutes a week Times table specific lessons to get them ready for their multiplication check in term 6 in June.

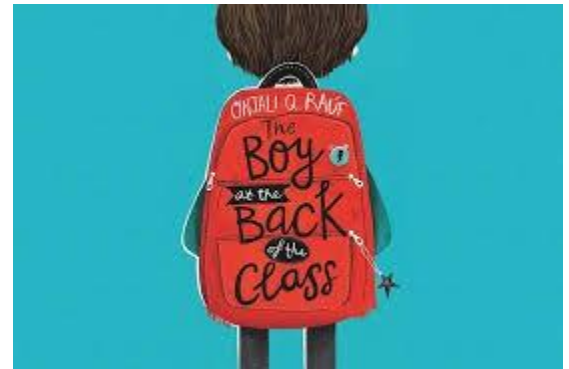
### **Science.**

This term we will be looking at light in science. During the topic we will cover; recognise that light is needed in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light; notice that light is reflected from surfaces; and recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. We will also learn how to recognise that shadows are formed when an opaque object blocks the light from a light source; and we will explore and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change throughout the day.

**Topic:** We will be learning about the United Kingdom and learning about the four countries that make up the UK. We will then be having a more detailed look at the counties of the UK then narrowing down and focusing on our county of Kent.

**R.E:** This term we are going to be studying the Impact of Pentecost within Christianity.

**P.E:** This term will be an introduction to cricket. Learning the basic skills and moving these skills into mini games. Due to this being a short term this will progress into next term.



**Art** This term our art will be around maps drawing maps and scales and understanding how maps have changed over time. This will link closely to the topic around the UK and the result will be a drawn map route around the village that we will be walking as a class.

**Homework:** The homework grid for the term will be sent home in your child's homework book. Spelling lists are sent home weekly.

Year 4s please make sure that you are doing a Soundcheck at least once a week.

**Important Dates:**

22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term starts
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Squirrels trip to Living Land
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day menu
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Badger's Residential
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Open Classroom and end of term