



# YEAR 1/2 SQUIRRELS

## SPRING 1

### CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



This half term, our curriculum theme is transport changes within living memory. We will be exploring developments in trains, planes, buses and cars. Our big question is how have these changes made life easier?



#### ENGLISH - WRITING

This term in writing, the children will be writing a fact file all about the history of trains using their history knowledge to help them. They will be writing a creative story about about a time-travelling train. Finally, Squirrels will be writing a persuasive advert.



#### ENGLISH - READING

The children will continue to make great progress with their RWI phonics and reading programme.

We will be reading *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, *Lost Property Office* by Emily Rand and *George and the Dragon* by Chris Wormell.



#### MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group, the children will be working on addition and subtraction within 100 and Multiplication & Division.

We will also be following the Mastering Number programme 4 times a week.



#### HISTORY

This half term, the children will be learning all about Transport, focusing on the changes within the last 100 years. We will begin with the history of trains, move onto other public transport such as buses and, finally, learn about developments in air travel. This links with our writing topics throughout the half term.

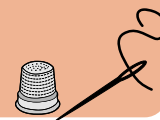
#### SCIENCE

This term the children will be learning about animals including humans. We will be classifying animals into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will also be learning about different animals' survival needs and what they eat. We will explore life cycles of animals such as frogs, chickens and butterflies.



#### Art

This term the children will be doing Art. We will be studying Takadoi and his work within nature. We will be learning to weave and thinking about how we can incorporate nature into our designs. We will use inspiration from Takadoi to do this.



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term the enquiry question is: How do Christians belong to their faith family? We will be considering the concept that a church is not only a building for Christians, but a sense of family and belonging too. We will look at different artefacts and symbols within Christianity.



#### COMPUTING

In computing, the children will be studying robots. We will have some unplugged lessons in which the children will be robots using algorithms. We will also be using the beebots throughout the half term to programme our own algorithms.



#### PSHE

This term we will be exploring our Dreams and Goals. We will be thinking about goals we have and how we can build the ladder to success to achieve them. No matter how big or small they may be.



#### MUSIC

The children will continue their learning of rhythm, instruments and creations skills. We will be doing this with Charanga. This will crossover into our PE unit of dance.

