

Squirrel Class Weekly Updates

Week Beg: 20th May

Forest School is on Friday mornings for Squirrel Class.

Please ensure clothing covers legs and arms, and that sunhats, waterproofs and boots are in school every week.

PE is now on THURSDAY, wear school outdoor PE kit including a jumper and trainers



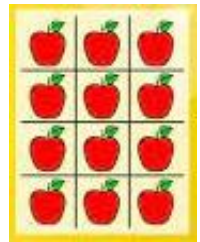
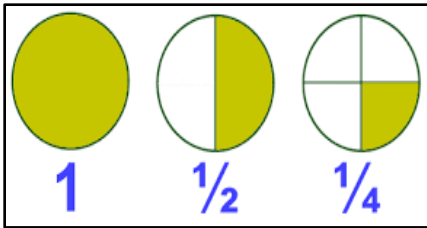
Language and Literacy

We continued working on Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov. The story ends with the main character finding that he has lots in common with an octopus called Maya who he meets in an aquarium, he then makes a human friend with similar interests. We also found ourselves fascinated by these unusual sea creatures and began by writing lists of questions in pairs. From this we used the information book Obsessive About Octopuses to find facts and then wrote our own non-fiction leaflets and booklets providing answers to questions.



Maths

Year 2 learnt more about Fractions by finding counting in halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and finding out what equivalent amounts/fractions are. Year 1 have been finding out how to divide numbers of objects by grouping and sharing; Mrs Marchant has been very pleased with their work! There is an opportunity to practise this in the weekly homework.



Science

We completed our topic on Plants by investigating edible plants. We observed a range of fruit and vegetables and identified which parts are edible: root, stem, leaves, fruit or seeds. Then we recorded this by Year 1 sorting pictures and Year 2 creating a labelled diagram. Throughout the topic we have also been making daily observations to see how our Seed Experiment is progressing. We have discovered all of the group's beans that were watered regularly have shown signs of growth (split seeds and shoots) and the ones without water have not changed at all.



Art

We spent two afternoons exploring techniques in Paper Sculpture. Firstly, we learnt how to create different shapes and effects by rolling, twisting and folding paper pieces that we attached to a base piece of card. Then we looked at pieces of art on the theme of The Tree of Life which appear in many holy books and places. After making design sketches, we then shaped, arranged and fixed coloured paper and card together to make our own 3D Tree of Life Paper Sculptures – they look amazing on display in our classroom!



RE	PHSE	PE / Dance
We finished our work on why many Christians call God Creator by reading some of the Psalms from the Bible/Torah. We spent some time reflecting on what we are thankful for in the natural world. we used our own creative skills to produce art work on what we love in nature and wrote some group Psalms showing gratitude.	We reviewed our last few lessons on the theme of Personal Safety. It is important that we remember what we have learnt about who we can trust and what to do if we meet unknown adults/older children. We also need to be sure about keeping safe around roads/traffic and medicines.	We completed our unit on throwing, aiming and retrieving skills and also chasing/avoiding games in PE sessions. Our coach, Mr O, reports that we have all improved our skills in this area of learning and enjoyed games involving using them.

Next Week is Half-Term

To prepare for the coming weeks, please do the Year 1 Phonics / Year 2 Maths Homework to prepare for the forthcoming assessment tasks.

To have a change you could do the more creative home learning tasks about octopuses! Most importantly enjoy your family time together – we return on Monday 3rd June.