

# Welcome to Squirrels 2025-26



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Squirrels class!

I am delighted to be teaching your child this academic year and look forward to an exciting year ahead. I hope that you have all had a lovely time over the summer break and feel ready to be back to school.

Please find below some helpful information which will hopefully clarify any questions you may have.

## Staffing:

**Class teachers:** Miss Annels (Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs PM, Fri) & Mrs Trevor (Thurs AM)

**Teaching assistant:** Mrs Patience (Monday AM and PM, Wed AM, Thursday AM and PM) & Miss Dias (Tuesday AM and Friday PM)

*\*Year 3 - Maths will be taught by Mr Lawford and Science/Spellings will be taught by Mrs Trevor*

## What does my child need to bring?:

-All stationery your child requires will be provided by the school.

Each day, your child will need:

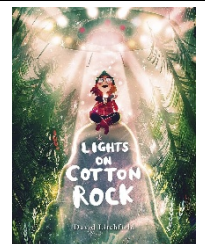
-Water bottle -Waterproof coat -Reading record and book

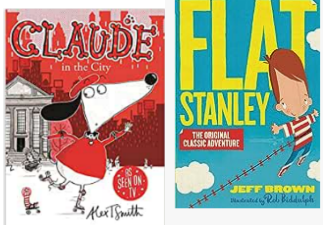


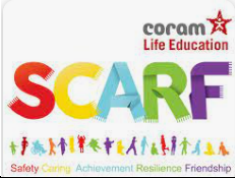
-Fruit snack (This is provided for children in year 2)

Please ensure that all belongings are named.

## What will my child be learning? Autumn curriculum coverage:

<b>Maths</b>	Place Value - to 100 (Yr2) and one thousand (Yr3) Addition and subtraction - two-digit numbers (Yr2) and three-digit numbers (Yr3) Shape - 2D and 3D (Yr2) Multiplication Focus (Yr3)
<b>English</b>	Setting and character description based on the book lights on cotton rock  Recount of our History trip to Hooke court
<b>Guided Reading/ Phonics</b>	As well as continuing with the colour band groups we will start to look at some texts:



	
<b>Religious Education</b>	<p>Creation</p> <p>Big question: What is creation?</p> 
<b>Science</b>	<p>Yr2: Animals including humans</p> <p>Yr3: Rocks and Light</p>
<b>History</b>	Stone age to Iron age
<b>Music</b>	<p>Music that makes you dance</p> <p>Enjoying improvisation</p>
<b>P.E</b>	<p>Wednesday: Premier Sports</p> <p>Friday: Wimborne Tennis Club</p> 
<b>DT</b>	Making a moving monster
<b>Computing</b>	<p>Online Safety</p> <p>Creating Music</p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<p>Me and my relationships</p> <p>Valuing difference</p> 
<b>French</b>	Moi!

### How can I help at home?

#### Reading:

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Please sign their reading log to detail what they have been reading. These will be collected in on a Monday. We encourage the children to read at home at least three times a week with an adult and will be continuing with the 'Wild about Reading' challenge this year.



#### Spellings:

Your child will be assessed on their spellings words on a Tuesday and their new list will be shared on the same day. The list will comprise of

For year 2, 6 words

For year 3, 8 words

We are this year using a new scheme called 'Spelling Shed'. Over the first half-term, the children will explore using this website in school. Your child will bring their first set of spellings home on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### Times table practice:

Your child has a Times Table Rock Star (TTRS) logon to practise their times table facts. Please encourage your child to practise as frequently as possible.



### Class Dojo:

We have everything set up on class dojo for the upcoming year and hope that you have all managed to connect to this. I look forward to using this platform to share your child's learning and celebrate their successes!

### Volunteers:

If you are able to kindly offer your time, please let me know.

### Educational Visits:

During the year, we will be planning some exciting trips for your child. To support our learning on the Stone age, Squirrels will be visiting Hooke Court in Beaminster on Thursday 2nd October. Again, please look out for the separate trip letter with details about this visit. If you would be available to kindly volunteer to support with this visit, please let me know.

Parent consultation meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 15<sup>nd</sup> October and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This will provide an excellent opportunity to share how your child has settled in. I hope you will be able to attend. However, in the meantime, should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Best wishes,

Miss Holly Annels