

# Squirrel Class - Autumn Term 1 How can understanding and celebrating differences help bring people together? Childhood.

## **Academic:**

This term we are looking at Childhood, focusing on how childhood has changed over the years due to a number of influences.

In English we are going to be looking at the traditional tale, The Magic Porridge Pot. From this text, we will be looking at the virtues of generosity, friendliness, caring and curiosity. The children will be writing an alternative version using their own ideas and imagination. Towards the end of this half term we will create our own family fact file and use this to compare how each family is different.

In maths we are starting with Place Value. This is an important unit in maths which children lay the foundations for numbers. We start with looking at numbers in numerals and words and then move on to ordering and comparing numbers. We will finish this unit by looking at 5, 10 and 3 times tables.

In Science we are starting the term with the Human Body looking at the effects of exercise, food, hygiene and teeth. In History our focus is to know that children's lives today are different to those of children a long time ago. In Geography we will be looking at where we live building on the foundations of what the children learnt in previous years. In PE, our new PE Lead, Miss Smith and I will deliver 2 PE sessions a week based on Multi-skills and invasion games.

### Character:

Our focus virtues for this half term are reflection, curiosity, compassion, respect, aspiration and creativity. These will be taught through different lessons in the classroom. There will also be an assembly each week based on our focus virtues.

We try to spot as many virtues in action throughout the school day, even if it is not a focus virtue. If any virtues are spotted at home, please share these with us.

We will also be working towards our Inspiring Adventurer award!

# Community:

In our community cornerstone this term, we will be visiting looking at our local community and the wider community as part of our Geography lessons. We will also be inviting parents in to share our school community with you all for a variety of events this term.

Please keep an eye on the calendar for these dates!

# **Digital and Innovation:**

As Innovators this term we will be using all natural resources to create a family portrait.

These items will be collected by the children and then using the skills they have they will create a fantastic portrait of themselves and their families! We are looking forward to sharing these with you later in the term!

