



**Squirrel's overview of Learning for Spring 2 2020**

**Overview of Our Topic – Farming and Growing**

For this topic, the Squirrels will be exploring how living things grow and change. We will start our learning journey with a visit to Finkley Down farm to discover what lives and grows on farms and understand what it is like to work on a farm.

**Vocabulary.** These are words that we will be using in our learning. To help the children learn these new words, please have some fun using the words at home in different contexts.

**farm**                      **animal**                      **structure**                      **human**                      **physical**  
**plant**                      **flower**                      **deciduous**                      **evergreen**                      **planting**

**English**

Our English this half term will link closely to our topic. The children will be comparing similarities and differences between a traditional and modern farm story. From this, they will then create their own versions. Towards the end of the half term, Squirrels will also be learning to write instructions.

**Science**

Science this half term will have a focus on living things including plants, animals and humans. The children will be able to identify different parts of plants and flowers, understand different animal structures and compare animals to humans. Throughout the topics, the children will also learn about what living things need to grow.

**Maths**

This half term, the children will be concentrating on place value of bigger numbers. The year ones will be exploring the make up of numbers up to 100 whilst the year R children will be consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 10 and moving onto learning about teens numbers.

**Music**

The Squirrels will be learning about songs that teach us about our world. They will listen to a range of popular songs and learn a few new ones to perform in class. The children will also have a go at creating and performing their own songs.

**Geography**

The children will be learning about human and physical geographical features in our world and how these features link to farming. During our trip, the children will undertake a fieldwork project to identify the human and physical features they can find on the farm. Back in school, Squirrels will be studying maps of the local area to identify a variety of farms.

**Art & DT**

In Art, the Squirrels will be studying the sculptor David Kemp. Famous in Winchester for designing and making 'the Winchester Hog', David Kemp uses metal scraps to make his creations. The children will explore and evaluate David Kemp's work before trying to make their own farm animal sculpture.

**Computing**

This half term, the Squirrels will be learning how to use technology to create artwork. Mrs Greig will be visiting the class to teach them about new software that will enhance a wide variety of the children's technology skills.

**PE**

Mr Robbins will be teaching the children tactical games. The Squirrels will be learning defending and attacking skills and continuing to develop their teamwork abilities.

**PSHE**

The Squirrels will be continuing to understand how they change and grow throughout their lives. We will also be developing our Mindful Mondays to teach children how to make things better for themselves and develop their self compassion skills and understanding.

**RE**

In the build up to Easter, Mrs Primmer will be teaching the children about the Easter story and the importance of the symbol of the egg at this time of year.

