

# Term 3: Commotion in the

This term in Squirrels our topic is: Commotion in the ocean

The children will be looking at Amelia Earhart and different ways to move, including different types of transport. Below is an outline of the things we will be covering this term across the 7 areas of learning. These can often change over the term as we plan our activities around the children's interests. This term the children will also be practising the nativity ready to perform to you in December.



## Home Learning:

The children will be bringing home a reading record and a reading book. To begin with, this may only be a picture book. Please encourage them to use the pictures to tell their own story. We value your comments so please write in the reading record once you have heard them read. These will be checked at least once a week and books will be changed when they have been read at least twice. 3 home reads in a week will be rewarded with a sticker. When the children complete their sticker chart they will receive a prize!

## Communication and Language:

The children will be listening to and retelling a variety of different stories such as; What a waste, somebody swallowed Stanley and the tales of a toothbrush. We will make small worlds to represent our topic and stories so the children can have opportunities to talk and use vocabulary correctly.

## Physical Development:

The children will develop their fine motor skills in the classroom and during PE the children will develop larger movements such as balancing, climbing and rolling.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will learn about engagement in the classroom and how to be engaged in groups. We will look at growth mind set and read stories such as; The dinosaur who lost her voice, after the fall and the little engine that could.

## Literacy (reading and writing):

The children will continue to develop their blending in phonics and they will continue to learn the correct letter formation. Some children will begin to write in sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

## Maths:

The children will secure their counting to 10 and be able to make number bonds e.g. 2 and 8 make 10, 5 and 5 make 10, 3 and 7 make 10. The children will begin to be able to represent these numbers on their fingers.

## Expressive Arts and Design:

To explore the art of Andy Warhol and his style of art. The children will be exploring colours and printing with different materials.

## Understanding the World:

This is a very busy term with lots of different celebrations and beliefs. Some of the areas the children will explore include; Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Easter.

## Dates for the diary:

Book and biscuit morning – FRIDAYS!  
14<sup>th</sup> January  
4<sup>th</sup> February