

Year 3  
Spring  
2025

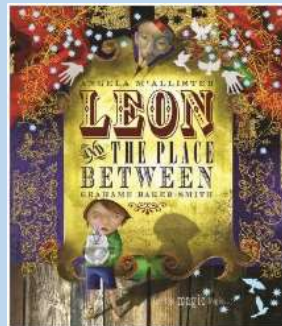
## Trips and Special Events

### Wembury Tree Planting School trip

## LITERACY

This term pupils will be reading the text Arthur and the Golden Rope. We write our own quest story that uses speech and conjunctions. We will also be reading the text 'Leon and the place between.' We will use imaginative vocabulary to describe the world beyond the portal. We will also study the text 'Interview with a Tiger'. Children will become journalists and create their own interviews.

In reading, we will look at a variety of texts, using key reading skills of prediction, inference and summarising. Children will start to use evidence from the text to support their views.



## Geography

First, we explore settlements and the different types of settlements. Then we look in depth at agriculture and how we can make the best use of the land.

## History

We will explore the Indus valley and how it changed over time. We will then look at Persia and Greece. We will take an in depth look at the Gods and Goddesses.

## RE

We explore Hindu traditions and then start to delve into the world of Judaism.

## MATHS

We follow White Rose Maths. There is a White Rose app (see right) to support your child's learning at home.

This Spring term we will be learning:

- **Place value**
- **Measurement**
- **Fractions**

**There will also be many problem-solving opportunities throughout each topic.**

**Times tables** we will consolidate x2, x5 and will be developing knowledge of x4 and x8. . See [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)



## Science

Year 3 will begin the term studying light. They will look at light sources, how light travels and reflections.

Children will then complete a unit on forces and magnets. Looking at how forces impact our everyday lives. Which forces are contact and non-contact forces.

## PSHE

We follow the Jigsaw Scheme and will cover the topics Dreams and Goals.

## ART and DT

DT: Pupils build on their knowledge from learning how to make a slingshot car, applying mechanical system skills to create interactive mechanisms in a pop-up book.

Art: This unit explores prehistoric art, recreating the style of cave artists using charcoal and natural pigments. Pupils experiment with colour mixing, and creating large-scale artworks, enhancing both artistic skills and historical knowledge.

## Computing

Connecting computers learning what a network is.

## Music

Children will tell stories through music. They will create a soundscape using a variety of instruments.

## French

We continue developing our pronunciation and basic vocabulary and we will focus on our conversational skills in different settings.

## PE

Indoor: Weather dancing and gymnastics Flight  
Outdoor: Invasion games – Netball and Tag Rugby



# Information for parents and carers of children in Year 4 – Squirrels Class – Spring 2025

Hello and Happy New Year! The following information should be helpful:

## Staff

Teacher: Mr Howe & Mrs Dixon

Teaching and Mealtime Assistant: Mr Ham, Mrs Ackroyd, Miss Thomas

## School Times

School opens at 8.35am for children to arrive, settle in and complete early morning tasks such as spelling and times tables practice. The register is taken at 8.50am and the first lesson begins straight afterwards. School finishes at 3.10pm. Children enter and exit via the hall doors.

## Lunch and playtime

Lunch is 12.10 – 1.10pm. Please choose and book school lunches on School Comms. Unfortunately, the Government does not provide KS2 children with fruit, so your child will need to bring their own fruit snack for playtime. Flapjack is available on Fridays – see School Comms. Children have access to their own drinking cup for water in class, but they can also bring in a named refillable water bottle if they prefer.

## Equipment

Children need a book bag to carry notes, their class reading book, library book, their Reading Diary and their Homework Book. No toys and no pencil cases please, as the children will have everything they need to work. Please label all clothing, particularly jumpers – children love to lose things!

**PE kits:** Black shorts, white or house-coloured polo shirt, trainers. Black or Manor green hoodie/jumper and tracksuit bottoms for cold weather. Socks for girls if they are changing out of tights. Children can either keep their PE kit in school or wear their kit to school on the day.

Squirrels will have PE on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** .

## Homework

Daily reading, weekly spellings, spelling investigation and times tables/maths homework. Your child will receive a Homework Book next week once the children are settled and we have completed our initial assessments. Homework is given out on a Friday and completed Homework is taken in on the following Monday. Spelling and tables tests are on a Monday.

**Keeping in touch:** Any problems or queries, either ring the school office (01753 893182), email [admin@manor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manor.devon.sch.uk) or send in a note with your child.

Best wishes,

Mr Howe