



# Red Squirrels



## Autumn Term 2

### **About our topics...**

*In Year 3 and 4 this term, our main topic is Invasion! We shall gain knowledge of why the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invaded and settled in Britain. The children will develop understanding of what daily life was like in each of these periods in time. We will then use our knowledge to compare life in each period and decide when we would have preferred to live and why. In addition to this, we will be using different sources of evidence to collect information and build our understanding of the past. When looking at sources of evidence, we will begin to think about why there may be different accounts of history. Our main focus will be on the importance and effect each period has had on modern Britain. This is an incredibly fascinating topic, and we aim to make it a memorable one! Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities.*

*Make sure you continue to keep an eye on DoJo to see the exciting learning taking place!*

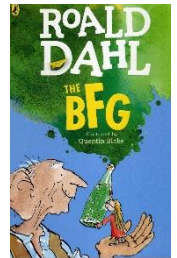
### **Science**

*This term in Red Squirrels, we will be learning about light. In the first week, children will learn the difference between light and dark. Learning will then move on to look at how shadows are formed and how different materials can or cannot produce shadows. We will finish the term learning about sun safety (even though there probably won't be too much sun outside!)*

### **English**

*In English, we will be improving our grammar, language and ability to write for different purposes. Some of the exciting writing opportunities this term stories from other cultures, newspapers and poetry!*

*Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will remain at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, both linking to topic and our writing focuses. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature.*



*Children are actively encouraged to continue reading at home and we can help children with book recommendations that they will enjoy. This year we have a large variety of books in our class book corners as well as in the library for children to choose from!*

*Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion, drama and presentations.*

### **Maths**

*Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Our Maths lessons in this term will focus on Addition and Subtraction. We will also begin to look at Multiplication and Division. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved.*

### **Take home task to support work in school**

*To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could find some fascinating facts about the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, or Vikings. This could include daily life, religion and beliefs or anything else about any of the time periods of your choice! These can be presented in a medium of their choice – a model would be especially good! They will need to be prepared to present and talk about their work to the rest of the class.*