



Sycamore Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Take a look at the 'Latest News' tab on the school website and the school's Facebook page to see regular updates of what Sycamore Class have been learning.

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you are all well rested and ready for another jam packed term of learning and new experiences.

Mrs Plowman and Mrs Duff

English

This term, we will be writing explanation texts about our senses (linked to our Science topic 'Sound'), writing a real life story based on the text 'Creature Teacher' to share with our KS1 peers and finishing the half term with creating information posters based on 'The Arrival of the Railways'.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build on our multiplication and division knowledge and skills started in the autumn term. We will then move on to learning about length and perimeter. Alongside this, children will continue to practise and learn their multiplication tables (Year 4 will have their Multiplication Check in the summer term).

Please continue to support your child/ren's learning through practising times tables and referring to the KIRFs for this term (this is available on the school website and will also be sent home on paper). Little and often goes a long way and makes a real difference.

History and Science

In History, we will be learning about 'Local History' - specifically looking at the impact of the development of the railways on our rural area. We will build this around our three big ideas in History - Chronology, Equality and Change.



'Sound' will be our topic in Science this half term. Children's learning will be based around our three big ideas in Science - Curiosity, Investigation and Explanation.

RE

In RE, we will be answering the question, 'Why do Muslims call Muhammad the Seal of the Prophets?' We will be exploring how Muhammad inspires Muslims through his teachings.

P.E. and Games

Our PE topics this term will be Gymnastics and Basketball. The children will be learning the importance of engaging in active challenges and collaborating with each other.

Outdoor P.E. will be taught on a Friday. We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days and long hair is tied back.

Homework

Reading at home is so important and beneficial to helping your child make progress. Please note in your child's diary when he/she has read. Some children were able to tick lots of stars off in the reading challenge last term and we would like this to continue into the Spring term. Remember to use the bookmarks handed out at the Reading Café, there are lots of ideas to develop your child/ren's comprehension.

Spelling lists will continue to be released on Spelling Frame each Friday, with tests on these words in class on the following Friday. Knowledge organisers are available to read through on the school website in the Sycamore Class section. Maths homework is given out on a Monday and is due back in on the following Monday.