



Sycamore Class Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome back!

Welcome back to this new school year and a very warm welcome to our new families joining us.



We hope you have had a great summer and the children are refreshed and ready for their new learning in school.

Mrs Plowman will be teaching Sycamore Class Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Duff will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Chestnut Class will be joining Sycamore for their learning on Fridays.

Sycamore Class will attend Forest School on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Hammond and have PE on Friday afternoons.

We have many exciting things planned for this term, including a Romans Day, so please keep checking school communications and keep updated with what we have been up to by visiting the 'Latest News' section on the school website.

We look forward to working with the children and yourselves this term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Plowman and Mrs Duff

Maths

We will start this term by learning about place value, followed by addition and subtraction, and finishing with multiplication and division.

Alongside this, we will be learning and practising our times tables and key instant recall facts.

History and Geography

During the first half of this term, we will be studying Roman Britain based on the enquiry question: Was the Roman invasion good or bad for Britain? Next half term, we will be studying 'Our World – Where on Earth are we?' as our Geography topic.

Science

We will be learning about 'Food and Digestion' and 'Electricity'.

English

This half term, we will be writing a story in the first person based on 'The Disappearing Moon' by Simon Bartram, composing a harvest poem and writing a letter based on the book 'Counting on Katherine' by Helaine Becker.

Next half term, we will be making a class information book based on the book 'Real Live Dragons' by Anita Ganeri, writing in the style of a biography about Nikola Tesla and composing Christmas kenning poetry.

RE

Our big question for RE is 'What makes some people an inspiration to others?' We will try to answer this through the lens of Christianity (salvation), Hinduism (Dharma) and Islam (Prophet).



Home Learning

Please support your child's learning at home. This makes a huge difference!

Weekly Maths homework will be given out on a **Monday** and collected in the following **Monday**.

Knowledge Organisers and Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) are on our class page on the school website. Please support your child to engage with these as it will support their learning during lessons.

Weekly spelling lists will be posted on Spelling Frame each Friday for the following Friday's test.

Reading is a real priority, both in school and at home. Children should read at home a minimum of 3 times a week. Answering questions and talking about the book is as important as reading the words. Please make sure this is recorded in their reading record. We encourage wider reading too, e.g. comics, newspapers, non-fiction, recipes and books from home. **We want to foster a love of reading!**

Water Bottles

We encourage children to have a water bottle on their tables (with a non-spill lid). Bottles will be taken home at the end of each day to be refilled. Squash and juice are only allowed at lunchtimes.