



Sycamore Curriculum Newsletter - Summer 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 summer term, we have another busy term ahead of us with lots of new challenges, experiences and learning opportunities. Mrs Plowman

English

This term, we will be writing in many different genres, including persuasive writing, poetry, a biography based on Thomas Edison and letter writing. Alongside this, we will continue to work on our reading skills, spelling pattern knowledge, understanding and use of grammar and our presentation/handwriting.

Maths

Firstly, we will be focussing on fractions (and decimals in Year 4), followed by units on money, time, shape and statistics. 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.

In June, Year 4 will complete a Multiplication Tables Check - a separate email will be sent home this week with more information about this. You can support your child by practising the tables up to x12, children need to be able to recall these facts automatically.

History, Geography and Science

In History, we will be learning about 'The Windrush - Who are the Windrush Generation?' We will build this around our three big ideas in History - Chronology, Equality and Change.

'Scientific Enquiry' will be our topic in Science this half term. We will be completing lots of practical experiments based around our three big ideas - Curiosity, Investigation and Explanation. After half term, our topic of 'Rocks' will fit in with our Geography topic about 'Coasts'.



RE

In RE, we will continue to answer our big question: 'What beliefs bind a community together?' We will be learning about Sikhism and Judaism.

P.E. and Games

Swimming will take place on Wednesday mornings - please refer to previous correspondence for more information about these sessions.

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

Outdoor Learning

We will be going out on to the playground or into the garden for outdoor learning each week. For example, in Science, we will be making and observing a solar oven. We will take opportunities where we can to use our outdoor space for maths learning, as stimuli for our writing and in other areas of the curriculum where we feel this would be beneficial.

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. 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.

We are here to help!

If you have any concerns, worries or questions please do not hesitate to contact the office as soon as these arise. The best way to do this is to speak to the teacher in person at the end of the school day. If this is not possible, or you need to make contact at any other time, please call/email the main office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.