



Sycamore Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1



Here is a summary of what your child will be learning this half term:

During this half term we will be focusing on 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be taking a tour around the UK, then jetting off to China, Australia, Antarctica, and America before we head to Africa.

English

For most of our English work, we are mainly focusing on Non-Fiction writing and reading this term. Children will be creating their own fact pages about the UK, writing postcards, letters and getting involved in various drama activities. They will be writing a diary and writing non-chronological report. Children will be reading both fiction and non-fiction texts, we will be concentrating on comprehension this half term.

Phonics

Year 1 children will continue working on Phase 5 sounds including adjacent consonants, irregular words and double vowel sounds, developing their writing and sentence structure. We will also continue looking at alternative spellings of long vowel sounds and some spelling patterns. They will also look at reading nonsense words in preparation for the Year 1 phonics screening test in the Summer Term.

Year 2 will continue to practise and revise spellings that are sent home.

Please ensure that your child continues to read widely at home and to record their progress in their Home Reading Journals.

Maths

Year 1 children will begin by learning about shapes starting with 2d before moving on to 3d shapes. They will be naming, sorting and recognising a range of shapes. Children will then be learning to recognise different coins and using them to solve everyday problems.

Year 2 children will be recognising and naming 2d and 3d shapes, they will be counting sides and vertices. Children will be drawing lines of symmetry and making patterns with both 2d and 3d shapes. Children will then learn to recognise different coins and notes, they will count money in pounds-coins and notes, and select money to make the same amount. They will compare money, find the total and solve Two-step problems.



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Science

As part of this topic year 1 children will be learning about 'Everyday Materials' including wood, plastic, metal, water and rock. Children will learn to identify and name everyday materials and will have the opportunity to explore the properties of these materials. Children also will carry out a simple investigation to help them decide which material would be most suitable to use for an umbrella. At the end of the unit children apply their knowledge of everyday materials to sort objects by their properties. A range of learning activities are used in this unit including, discussions, labelling and matching activities, games, and an investigation to encourage where children have the opportunity to ask and find the answers to questions.

RE/PSHE

RE we will be looking at Islam- Sacred places.

Our PSHE theme is Going for Goals.

Geography

We will start by looking at the United Kingdom. Labelling the different parts and looking at landmarks and capital cities using world maps and globes. We will then learn about the seven Continents and five oceans, understanding similarities and differences. We will be looking at and comparing the weather both within the UK and different parts of the world.

PE

On Mondays, we will be developing our dance skills in PE and the children will also be coached by Top Score on a Tuesday.

Music

The children will experiment with a range of instruments creating their own beat and rhythm. They will be linking this to the topic, looking at a range of songs and instruments from around the world.

Notes and Reminders

P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school until Friday and can earrings be either taken out or **covered with plasters**.



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This newsletter only gives a brief outline of our topics this half term – if you need any further information about any aspect of the curriculum or your child’s progress please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Mrs G. Rose & Miss Z Day.