



Sycamore Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2



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

English

During this half term we will be looking at Traditional Tales, we will be focusing on 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children will be sequencing and retelling the story. They will be rewriting it in their own words, creating story maps, looking at story settings and characters. We will be having a focus on handwriting, full stops and capital letters; children will be encouraged to use conjunctions and adjectives to improve their work.

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.

Please ensure that your child continues to read widely at home and to record their progress in their Home Reading Journals which will be checked on Mondays.

Maths

Over the course of this half term we will be working on different mathematical topics. These will include: place value, multiplication and division, fractions and measurement.

Science

Year 1 will be learning about animals and their habitats. This will involve the children discovering what a habitat is and being able to name a variety of animals and the different habitats they live in. They will explore micro-habitats at school but also carry out research to learn about more exotic species and their habitats. This topic will also cover looking at how animals adapt to different habitats and what animals need to survive.

RE/PSHE

Our RE topic this half term is based on the question 'Why is Easter important to Christians?' Children will be taking part in many engaging activities to learn about the Easter story and its significance within the Christian faith.



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Art/ DT

Year 1 children will have a DT focus this half term looking at 'Moving Traditional Tale Pictures'. This gives children opportunities to develop their understanding of mechanisms. Children will listen to and role play different Traditional Tales and then learn how sections of the stories can be made into a moving picture. Following instructions on how to make different types of mechanisms, such as levers, wheels and sliders, gives children experience and information to draw on when developing their own ideas. They sketch a design based on their ideas and then create their moving picture centred on the stories of 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Three Little Pigs'.

PE

Throughout this half term will be will developing core physical skills by focusing on coordination and agility, core stability and spatial awareness. This will be achieved through a variety of different physical activities.

Geography

We are continuing our topic on Our Wonderful world – we will learn about the 5 oceans, and which continents are near which ocean. We will visit Kenya and look at where Kenya is on the globe and in relation to us in the UK. We will compare a village in Kenya with Warton, looking at similarities and differences between our lives and homes with people in Kenya.

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. Please could you ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor shoes.

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.