



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 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. Children will be writing postcards, captions and simple instructions. They will be creating a character fact file and writing speech bubbles. 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, taking place in the Summer Term.

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

Maths

Children will be learning to add and subtract one and two digit numbers to 20, including zero. They will be solving one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and missing number problems. Children will be counting to 50; forwards and backwards, beginning with 0, 1, or from any number. They will be counting, reading and writing numbers to 50 in numerals. Children will be learning to identify one more or one less of a given a number, representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line. They will become familiar with using the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least. Children will count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.

Science - Forest School

We will start by looking at the changes that have occurred since our last forest school session, and signs that spring is on its way. We are going to observe and describe the weather, and learn how and why day length varies.



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RE/PSHE

During this term children will be learning about why Christians put a cross in an Easter garden.

Cooking

Children will be learning about healthy food choices and food preparation.

PE

Children will be practising their throwing and catching skills during PE with Mrs Sage. The children will be doing games outside on a Wednesday with Top Score, please ensure children have suitable clothing and footwear.

History

We will discover when the astronaut Neil Armstrong landed on the moon and learn about what he found out. We will learn about the Apollo 11 mission - and the training the astronauts had to undertake. We will also be learning about Tim Peake and looking at how technology has developed over the years.

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 for your continued support.

Mrs G Rose, Mrs K Clark & Mrs R Sage.