

Sycamore Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2

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

This half term the topic is based around SCIENCE as we learn about Scientists and inventors.

English

We begin this half term by reading Mr Wolf's pancakes by Jan Fearnley, and other stories with Wolves in.

We will read Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey and we will read other books by this Author.

The children will write labels and captions, writing in role, and writing letters and narratives that are linked to our topic and our stories.

World book day is Thursday 5th March and the children are invited to bring in a book and dress as a character. Just simple dress up or story props or puppets,

Year 1's will be focusing on capital letters and full stops; ensuring that they use finger spaces when creating simple sentences. They will be using conjunctions to extend sentences (and, but, because, so)

Year 2's will also be concentrating on extending their writing and making sure it is grammatically correct using a wider range of conjunctions and clauses. We are looking in particular at making sure that our writing is in the correct tense and using commas and apostrophes in our writing.

Phonics

Year 1: We will be continuing work on phase 5 phonics and learning alternative spelling patterns for sounds we already know – you will see this in their weekly spellings. We will send home a pack with information about the Year 1 phonics check.

Year 2: We will continue to look at new and alternative spelling patterns. Spell works with wr, kn at the beginning. We will explore word endings and how these change the spelling of words. Adding -ed -ing -ly -er -est -y

Please ensure that your child continues to enjoy being read to - bed time stories are invaluable. Ensure they continue to read widely and record their progress in their Home Reading Journals which will be checked on Tuesdays and Fridays. Polesworth Library is fantastic and regular visits will keep reading exciting. Can you find any books by Mini Grey or books about toys or superheroes?

Maths

Please support your child in their learning of multiplication and division by helping them to log on to TT Rockstars. They have a username and password stuck in the front of their Arithmetic Journal. The TT Rockstars App is really easy to use.

Both year groups will be exploring height, weight, capacity, volume and temperature. We will use the symbols = equal to < greater than and > less than,

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Year 1: Will compare and solve problems using using comparative language and non-standard measure.

Year 2: Will be estimating and measuring – recording lengths and heights with rulers cm/m, kg/g, litres/ml.

Computing

The children will continue to log on, and safely navigate the internet. We will follow the Purple Mash scheme and make e-books. We will use our new CLEVERTOUCH interactive boards to enhance our learning in other areas of the curriculum.

Science

The children will be continuing to learn about seasonal changes as we move into Spring, this will be linked to Christian festivals that we will be learning about.

Our focus is **Materials** we will explore the properties of materials, waterproof materials and **Charles Mackintosh**. We will also learn about the invention by **Ole Kirk Christiansen** in 1932 (a very popular one!)

RE/PSHE

In RE we will be learning about Salvation – Why does Easter matter to Christians? Starting with Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. Moving on to Easter. We will be celebrating Mother's Day.

In PSHE we will explore the theme of friendship and loyalty. We will discuss feeling starting with some of the characters in Traction Man. The children will be invited to talk about their own feelings and experiences.

Art/DT

We will make our own props to act out the stories that we read. We will look at artists who work in comic book style such as Roy Lichtenstein.

PE

On Wednesdays the children will be developing ball skills and will be coached by Top Score. On Friday afternoons our dance sessions inspired by BBC 'Let's move.' Beginning with the theme of Time. We will then look at theme tunes of different superheroes and link this to movement.

Notes and Reminders

Home reading scheme books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. On other week days, children can choose a book from the library and the class book box. P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school until Friday (white T-shirt, blue/black shorts and pumps) Can earrings please be either taken out or covered with plasters.

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 Baker