



# Sycamore Class Newsletter

## Summer Term 1



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

### **English**

Our literacy focus for this half term will predominantly revolve around non-fiction texts. We will be looking at growing plants and how to create a report, writing instructions and we will be researching plants using a range of media.

### **Phonics - Year 1**

During the first half of the term we will be revising all of the phonics phases in preparation for the year 1 phonics test. We will be concentrating on looking at 'alien' words (nonsense words) where the children will need to apply their phonics skills and knowledge to decode the words correctly. The children will be bringing home practice material to support the revision within school.

**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.**

### **Spelling - Year 2**

Children will continue to work on the spelling patterns and practise and revise spellings that are sent home.

### **Maths**

We will be working on money, looking at the value of coins and adding these. The children will use their knowledge of place value and coins to problem solve and give reason.

### **Computing**

Over the summer term, Sycamore class will be exploring the purpose of graphs in representing information. We will be gathering information within our science lessons concerning the growth of our plants and using this to create our own charts and graphs within our computing.

### **Science**

The start of this term we will finish our work on habitats, before starting our topic on Plants. Children will be identifying and naming common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will be identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants inclusive of trees. The children will be planting and growing a variety of common garden plants and observing their growth within our school garden/vegetable patch. We will continue to observe the changing seasons from spring to summer.

### **RE/**

In RE we will basing our learning around the question 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' Children will be carrying out different activities to support their learning to understand the messages and teachings of Jesus, such as forgiveness.



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### **PSHE**

In PSHE will be looking at Good Relationships.

### **PE**

Our PE this half term will be tennis. Children will be developing their skills in ball control, hand eye co-ordination, hitting the ball, spacial awareness and reaction times.

### **DT**

We will be making food for a picnic, experimenting with different tastes.

### **Notes and Reminders**

P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school until Friday. Children also need to have outdoor shoes, now the weather is getting warmer they will be doing some PE outdoors. Please can you ensure that earrings be either taken out or covered with plasters.

Year 1 children need to remember their forest school kit, even though it is getting warmer we still suggest long trousers/leggings to cover their legs.

Children need to have water bottles in school, especially now the weather is getting warmer.

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.

**Thankyou!**

**Mrs G.Rose & Miss Z Day**