

Sycamore Class Newsletter



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Welcome back!</u></p> <p>Welcome to the Spring Term in Sycamore Class! The children have already settled in well after the Christmas holiday and we are well on the way with our learning this term. This newsletter is intended to give you a guide to what is going on in our classroom and to tell you some of things we are learning this half term. If you have any questions please do come and ask.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mrs Loundes and Mr Pickavance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>What we are learning this term:</u></p> <p>Our topic this half term is <i>Land Ahoy!</i></p> <p>We will find out about the world's oceans and seas just like Captain Cook. We will look at boats and ships and find out about rescues at sea. We will find out about brave volunteers and young Miss Darling, rowing her boat across stormy seas. We will sing sea shanties and search the playground for lost treasure.</p> <p>We will look at maps, make our own treasure maps and build a junk model Treasure Island.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English this term</u></p> <p>Our first English unit will be dragon stories. It is an exciting literacy topic in which the children will be improving their sentence writing with interesting adjectives and similes. We will paint dragon pictures and plan and write our own exciting dragon stories.</p> <p>We will then read Neil Gaiman's fantastic book 'Instructions' to help us write our own imaginative sentences. We will explore features of instructions such as bossy verbs.</p> <p>The last unit of this half term will be a poetry unit based on the five senses. We will read a range of poems and learn some of them by heart.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p>In RE we are looking at the journeys of the Christmas story, primarily that of Mary and Joseph, to help us understand how we should care for others.</p> <p>We will be reading some of the miracles and parables from the Bible which show us how special Jesus is.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading at home</u></p> <p>With SATs only 4 months away you can really help your child with their reading skills by hearing them as often as possible. You can find useful information on our website and in the reading record books to help you support your child's reading development.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s from any 2 or 3-digit number. • We will compare two 2-digit numbers using 'greater than' and 'less than'. • We will rehearse + and – facts for pairs of numbers that total 10, 20 and 100. • We will recognise odd and even numbers. • We will use and understand ordinal numbers up to 100th. • Reading the time to the nearest quarter of an hour. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths at home</u></p> <p>This term we will be consolidating the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They are given some time for this in school but any time at home would be a welcome help in getting all our children to learn these by heart.</p> <p>It is also great if parents can get involved with teaching their children to tell the time. In Year 2 it is expected that children can tell the time to the nearest quarter of an hour.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SATS</u></p> <p>Key Stage 1 SATs will take place in May this year. The children will be tested in Maths, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar.</p> <p>If you have any questions about how you can help your child at home please come and ask us. Thank you.</p>	