



Welcome to Sycamore Class!

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I hope you have all had a wonderful break and I would like to welcome you back to a brand new school year. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children during the last two weeks and I am looking forward to working with them in their final year in Key Stage 1.

Included in this newsletter is some information about our class routines and our learning this term.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak with me at the end of the day.

Best wishes,
Mr Pickavance

Topic: Towers, Turrets and Tunnels

We have already begun our topic with an exciting introduction by building the tallest towers we could from a variety of construction materials.

We will be investigating why Towers have been built throughout history, what they are made from and looking at what Turrets were used for on castles. Finally, we shall end our unit by investigating which animals build and live underground in Tunnels and the environment they need to survive.

English

We are starting the year with a focus on presentation and constructing complete sentences using adjectives in our story writing.

Spelling is taught daily and children will be revising the sounds they have learnt in Year 1. A set of spellings will be sent home every Thursday to be tested on the following Wednesday. As part of the spelling, there is a section for the children to apply these words in a sentence to help cement their understanding.

Religious Education

Our first topic is 'Creation'. We will look at the Old Testament stories of Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale to build on the children's knowledge of God as creator and protector of his creation.



Mathematics

Maths is taught every day in class. During this half term we will revisit counting from a number up to 100; learn to count on and back from any 2-digit number in 1's and 10's; revise number bonds for 10 and 100; learn to double and halve numbers up to 15; and compare and order a group of 2-digit numbers.

Children will be introduced to **multiplication tables** this term starting with the 1's, 10's 2's and 5's. I encourage you to ask them about what they have learnt in lessons.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays in a coloured plastic wallet. Inside you will find Maths homework that builds on the learning in that week's lessons and a set of spellings which will be tested on the following Wednesday. Please sit with your child during homework time and give them any help necessary.

If they struggle with any aspect of the homework, please indicate this and I shall do some more work with them in class.

Reading

Reading is such an important skill in life and is crucial to your child's development this year. Not only will it help them with their understanding of texts but it will support their writing skills and help them to engage with mathematical problems.

Please help your child with their reading by hearing them read as often as possible and discussing what they have read.

If your child would like to bring in a book from home to read in our independent reading time after lunch, they are more than welcome to. Otherwise, they can select a book from our reading corner to enjoy during this time.

Other useful information:

PE is on Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor) in the afternoon.

Children are still provided with a free healthy snack for morning break times but this selection is limited and they are allowed to bring in an alternative.

Please provide your child with a water bottle for use in class to keep them hydrated throughout the day.