

# Sycamore Class Newsletter



## Summer Term in Sycamore Class

It is an important and exciting time for us in Sycamore Class as the children are completing their final term in KS1. We have already settled in well after the Easter holiday and are continuing to build towards our SATs assessments which start in the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May and will be completed by 24<sup>th</sup> May.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support at home with their Maths homework, spelling and reading. Please carry on the good work as it really does help to build on their class learning and develop their understanding.

If you have any questions about SATs please do not hesitate to come and ask me.

Mr Pickavance

### Literacy

We have begun this term by looking at poetry and the use of adjectives to help our descriptive writing using the five senses. Our next unit is on fictional stories where we will develop our writing skills using a range of punctuation and conjunctions such as 'because', 'if' and 'that'. Also, we are beginning to group sentences into paragraphs and ensure that our writing makes sense when it is read aloud.

### Reading

In order to promote reading for enjoyment across the school, we are encouraging every child to read for ten to fifteen minutes after lunch has ended. We have a wide selection of books in the classroom for the children to choose from but I am happy for them to bring in any texts they enjoy at home to continue reading in school.

### Topic

Our new topic is 'The Scented Garden' where we shall look at what scents are found in and around the school locality. We will plant seeds and investigate their development over time then look at what scents attract insects and mini-beasts to our gardens. The children will also have the opportunity to design their own flowers and write about them - Watch out Chelsea Flower Show!

### RE



In RE, we are thinking about Easter and Pentecost. We will be reading the Pentecost story and sharing the key concepts of the events, focussing on the promise made by Jesus, and the understanding of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. In addition, we will also be finding out about Hinduism and Sikhism towards the end of the year.

### Maths

This term, we are focussing on: subtracting two digit numbers; reading scales that go in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's; and fractions of shapes and numbers. We will look at measuring different weights and volumes using containers and weighing scales to support our learning.

We encourage you to continue to practise work on analogue time, fractions and multiplication with your child as these are key components to the year and will help them in class.

### SATs

As you are aware, your child will be taking part in Statutory Assessments in Maths and Reading this half-term. The children have become familiar with this type of testing and I don't expect them to have any worries when undertaking them. However, we can't stress the importance of a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and arriving punctually at school to ensure they are able to concentrate and help them to reach their full potential.