

## Sycamore Class

### Teaching and Learning

Our current theme in Sycamore is a History theme through which we have been focussing on the Tudor period and particularly Elizabeth I. We have been examining the differences in features from the past and the present and looking at many aspects of life. We have also been looking at History general knowledge and learning about the way events in the past have formed our society into what it is. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this learning and the other conversations that it often sparks such as the way different sources can tell us about how life was different in the Tudor Period. The children have responded very well to having a new teacher in the class and understand the expectations within the classroom. Positive relationships and good behaviour management have allowed the children to be calm and settled in class which has enabled them to make good progress in their learning. We have a wide range of ability in Sycamore class but through differentiation of learning activities and good support from staff we have created a very positive learning environment. The children have enjoyed a wide and varied curriculum and particularly benefit from a weekly outdoor trip to put their classroom learning into a wider context. These trips have been particularly helpful with both History and Science studies.

### Achievement and Progress

	0-1% On track for less than expected progress	2-4% On track for expected progress	5-6% On track for good progress	7%+ On track for excellent progress
Showing children's progress over the last term				
Spoken Language	0	6	2	0
Reading	0	3	4	1
Writing	0	6	2	0
Number	0	3	4	1
Measurement	0	0	4	4
Geometry	0	4	2	2
Statistics	0	4	3	1

### Behaviour and Safety of Children

Sycamore Class continue to consider carefully their attitudes and emotions and have shown very good levels of behaviour over the last term. Consistency from all staff in the class and positive behaviour management have ensured that students feel safe and supported in the school and are able to discuss their situations with staff who are understanding and supportive.

### Leadership and Management

I have been given the role of Health and Safety Co-ordinator where I have developed a co-ordinated reporting system for faults within school for all staff. This will allow an efficient monitoring of actions needed and taken. I am also co-ordinating the Duke of Edinburgh award and will be attending some additional training next week. We have 14 students in Sycamore and Oak classes who will be aiming to complete the Bronze Award by the end of this school year.

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