



Sycamore Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

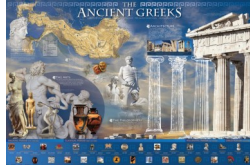
Staff in Class: Miss Williams Class Teacher), Mrs Razaq and Mr Haans.

Message from the staff:

Welcome to all the parents/carers of class Sycamore. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the new half-term ahead of us. As always, our door is always open should you have any quick questions or concerns that we can help with. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half-term and we hope the children will be excited to share this with you.

Class Topic:

This half-term, we are focusing on history in our topic lessons. Our topic is Ancient Greece. We will be exploring the key events that happened during the Ancient Greek's civilisation and compare and contrast Athens and Sparta. We will also examine Alexander the Great's empire and understand the religious beliefs of the Ancient Greeks and their Gods. We will undertake research about the ancient Olympic games and discuss the influence of Ancient Greece in the modern world.



Science:

Properties and Changes of Materials

In science this half term, our topic is 'Properties and Changes of materials.' We will be exploring materials, to consider how materials can be changed and adapted. This is presented in various ways, such as chemical and physical changes. Pupils will discover more about the molecular structure of materials, in simple terms, and gain an understanding of changes that are reversible and irreversible.



Maths:

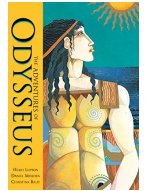
In maths, both years 5 and 6 will be learning about multiplication and division and fractions. Pupils will learn how to add, subtract and compare fractions. Some year 6's will be learning how to multiply and divide with fractions, going into further depth. Pupils will be able to recall previous knowledge on fractions and build upon it this half term. These skills will allow better understanding of the topic which will be further built upon later in the year.

English:

Some children will be reading *The Adventures of Odysseus* this half term. All writing pieces will be based around this book, which means children will learn and take part in a wide range of skills, such as, role play, hot seating, book talks and in-depth class discussions. These skills will be used to build up to a large variety of writing opportunities. These include: information texts, newspaper reports and story writing.

VIPERS

We will be learning to answer comprehension questions based on prediction, retrieval and vocabulary using short extracts as well as fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts.



PE:

Children will have PE twice a week. Tuesday year 6 have their swimming lessons and year 5 will have PE sessions focused on improving agility and previously learnt techniques. On Thursday your child will have athletics with a sports coach. Please ensure the appropriate PE kit is brought in for each session.

PSHCE:

Celebrating Differences

We will understand the different perceptions of what normal means and understand how disability can affect someone's life. We will be able to explain how it must feel like to be treated badly for being different and learn a range of strategies for managing feelings and problem solving. Pupils will learn how to show empathy and appreciate people for who they are.

MFL:

Our unit this half term is called "Stepping into a New World". Pupils will learn how to read and pronounce nouns and adjectives that can be found in a home. They will also design and describe a Christmas



French

How parents can help at home: Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw to access homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings and timetables on **Spelling Shed**, **Education City** and **Times Tables Rock Stars**. All passwords to these accounts have been sent out.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children will need to come into school in their full school uniform. Year 6 are to bring their swimming kit in a bag to change in to.
- Homework is set on a Friday. Children will bring home paper for English and a homework book for maths. Please can all homework be returned each Wednesday.
- New spellings are introduced on Mondays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays that same week.
- **Please ensure that reading records and books are in school daily.**