



Sycamore Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff:

Welcome back to all the parents/carers of class Sycamore and a happy new year! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for the new half-term ahead of us. As always, our door is always open should you have any 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.

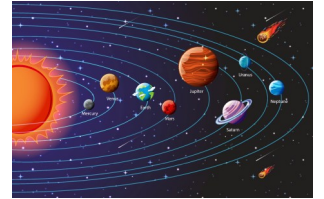
Class Topic:

This half-term, we are focusing on Geography in our topic lessons. Our topic question is 'Why do oceans matter?' We will be exploring the importance of our oceans and we will be looking at areas such as the Great Barrier Reef. We will also be exploring the impacts humans have on the oceans, in particular our impact on coral reefs. As part of this topic the children will be engaging in fieldwork and data collection.



Science:

In science this half term, our topic is 'Space and Earth.' We will be exploring the solar system and its planets. We will be learning about the Earth's movement through space and its rotation. We will then be creating our own planet using the knowledge we have learnt.



Maths:

In maths, Year 6 will be continuing to explore fraction arithmetic, including multiplying, dividing and finding fractions of an amount.

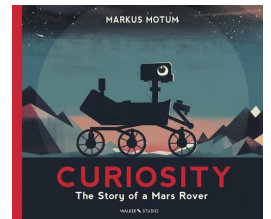


We will then move on to decimals and percentages, as well as engaging in SATs revision.

In Year 5, children will be learning long multiplication and recapping short division. Year 5 will then move on to multiplying fractions and finding fractions of an amount.

English:

In English, we will be reading 'Curiosity: The story of a Mars rover'. We will be researching space and completing writing based on this topic. We will be writing supporting statements for an astronaut carer. Also, we will be writing a persuasive texts and an explanation text.



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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:

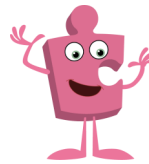
Children will have PE twice a week.

Tuesday year 6 have their swimming lessons. PE sessions will be Tuesday (Year 5 only) and Wednesday. Sessions will be focused on improving a variety of skills and techniques. Please ensure the appropriate PE kit is brought in for each session.



PSHCE:

In PSHCE, we will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'. In this topic we will be looking at setting realistic goals and how we can make a difference in the world. Children will also explore our responses to our and others achievements.



MFL:

Our unit this half term is called 'Playing and enjoying sports'. In this unit we will be learning sports nouns, giving our opinion on sports we like / dislike and describing sports.



How parents can help at home: Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw and 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**. Year 6s should be accessing **SATs companion** on a regular basis. All passwords to these accounts have been sent out.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Tuesdays (Year 5s only) and Wednesday. 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 on Tuesday (Swimming kits should include towels and a swimming cap).
- Homework is set on a Friday. Please can all homework be returned by the following Friday.
- New spellings are introduced on Mondays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays that same week.
- Please return home reading books at least once a week with a comment in the yellow reading record.