



Sycamore Class Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff:

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. Keep an eye out on Seesaw where we will share our fantastic learning.

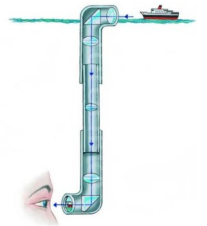
Class Topic:

In Geography, we will be exploring life in the desert. We will be locating deserts on world maps, as well as learning about human and physical features that can be found there. In DT, we will be creating our own pop up books to share with year 1 children. We will be exploring different mechanisms, such as spacers, in order to make our pop up books interactive. Once our pop up books are created we will present them to year 1 children and then evaluate their effectiveness.



Science:

In Science, we will be learning about light. In this topic we will explore how light travels. We will then move onto exploring reflections and how periscopes use light and reflection to work. We will then investigate shadow and create our own shadow puppets.



Maths:

In year 5, children will begin by learning about decimals. This will include comparing, ordering and rounding decimals. Year 5 will then move onto units of measurement. This will involve converting metric and imperial measurements.

In year 6, children will be learning about ratio, algebra and shape. We will also be revising previous topics in preparation for SATs week.

English:

In year 5, children will be reading the text 'If You Find This'. We will be doing role play and hot seating in order to understand characters points of view. We will also be writing descriptions and persuasive letters.

In year 6, our main focus will be spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will be revising grammar and punctuation taught throughout KS2 and new learning such as active and passive voice.

VIPERS:

In vipers, we will be answering comprehension questions using a range of skills such as: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. Year 6s will be looking at different SATs style questions, for example find and copy questions.

PE:

All children in Sycamore will have PE lessons on Mondays and the year 5 have an additional PE lesson on Thursday.



During these sessions with the classes will be focusing on improving their tactical awareness, speed and strength.

PSHCE:

This term we will be looking at relationships. We will be learning about grief. We will learn about the stages of grief and actions we can take to help ourselves or someone else feel better. We will also be discussing power and control, including recognising when someone is trying to gain power or control. In 'My Happy Mind' our topic is 'Celebrate'. We will be exploring appreciation in these sessions.

MFL:

In French, our new topic is 'Café Culture'. We will be learning the names for snacks and drinks, as well as practicing ordering food and drinks politely.



How parents can help at home: Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw and help to access homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed and multiplication recall on Times Tables Rock Stars. Year 6s can also access SATs companion at home.

Days/Dates to remember:

Y5 PE is on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will need to come into school in their full school uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change in to. Children can bring jogging bottoms to do PE outside whilst it is still cold. Y6 PE is on Mondays.

Homework is set on a Friday. Children will bring home paper copies this half-term. 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.

SATs week begins on Monday 12th May.