



Parent Class Letter: Sycamore Autumn Term

Welcome to the new school year!

A very happy hello! Hope you all had a wonderful summer break! I am very much looking forward to being your child's teacher. What a busy and industrious year ahead it will be. This letter is full of useful information about the exciting learning activities that your children will be experiencing over the Autumn term.

Miss Niamh Winters

History

In history this term we will be learning all about the Stone Age. We will learn about how Stone Age people hunted and what life would have looked like for a child in the Stone Age.

If you have any books or resources you are willing to share, we would love to see them.



Geography

Our geography will be closely linked to history. Are there any structures left in Britain that tell us that the Stone Age people existed and what were they used for?

Science

Our science topics this term are

- Animals including humans
- Rocks and fossils

In our Animals including humans unit, we will explore healthy eating, the digestive system and how our muscles work- among many other exciting elements! In the rocks and fossils unit, we will learn how to group and compare rocks and the processes by which soil is made.

Values

Motto: Journeying together with love and trust.

We will also be following the values:

Resilience, Respect, Responsible

In that we show resilience, we have respect and we are responsible.

Maths



This term we will be covering:

- Place value
- Finding 1/10/100/1000 more or less of a number
- Counting in 50's (Yr3), 25's (yr4)
- Rounding to the nearest 100/1000
- Roman numerals
- Column addition
- Column subtraction
- Geometry- line and shape
- Multiplication and Division

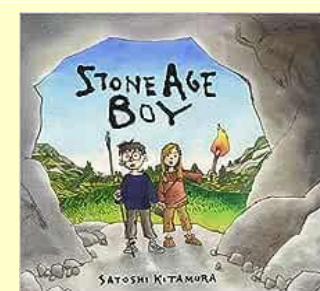
How parents can help this term:

- Times tables practice (1-12 x tables)

English

This half term the children will be studying a range of text types, including:

- Narrative
- Brochure
- Poetry



PE, Health and Well-being

Our PE lessons this half term will be focused on **fitness** and **tag rugby**.

PE kit:

PE is on **Friday with Mr Hughes**

For this term please ensure your child comes into school in the correct school uniform everyday and that they need to bring their PE kits with them- ideally PE kits should be in school every day. (In case of accidents or addition PE sessions etc).

Please ensure that your child's kit is named clearly. Earrings must be removed for all P.E. lessons and long hair tied back.

If your child needs to be excused from a P.E. activity for a medical reason, please send a note to the appropriate teacher.

Drinks and Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring a named, refillable water bottle into school to keep hydrated throughout the day. These will be kept on their desks where children can access them easily.

Your child may bring a healthy snack (such as fruit) to school to eat during our morning break time.

Homework

Reading

We expect children to read for a **minimum of 15 minutes every night**. Books and reading records need to be in school every day. We encourage children to read their books twice (gold band or below) before changing them to improve fluency and comprehension.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a **Monday** in preparation for a **test on Friday**. Children should practise their spellings daily.

Times tables and TTRS

Times tables are an integral part of maths in KS2. In Class 3, we love to make times tables fun by playing lots of games to help us learn them. Each week the children will have part or all of a times table to learn ready for a **test on Friday**.

Rockerbox

Homework will now be done online via 'Rockerbox'. I will set a task for the children that will need to be completed by the **Friday**. These will consist of reading from a selection of articles with accompanied comprehension tasks. Website and Log in details will be distributed to the children shortly so they may access this new platform.

RE

This year we will continue to teach RE on a weekly basis.

This term, we will be answering these questions:
How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

Creation/Fall: What do Christians learn from the creation story?

DOJO

Instead of a weekly newsletter, we will now be using our class DOJO to communicate our class learning from the week. The children can create their own avatar and earn points in class. If you need to contact me, please use messenger here.

PSHCE

During this term, the children will be learning about **'Me and My Relationships'**

We will have our usual check ins everyday and PSHE circle times with Mrs England on Wednesdays.

Medicines and Allergies

If your child has a prescribed medicine (such as an inhaler or Epi-pen), please ensure that we have one in school. This must be clearly named and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the medication is in date. If your child has an inhaler, we also require a named 'spacer' (e.g. Volumatic) to ensure that the correct dose is taken. In order for children to take any medication, parents must fill in a permission form from the office. Children will not be allowed to take medicine unsupervised under any circumstances.