

# Sycamore Spring Term Class Newsletter 2023/2024

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and we are all really looking forward to working with the class over the term.

## Reading

This term Sycamore Class will be reading Charlotte's Web! We will then develop our comprehension skills by answering VIPERs questions on the chapters we have read. Please see our reading journey for more information!

## Writing

On a Monday with Miss Winters we will be having a specific SPAG focus. Then with Mrs Hibell we will be learning to write a narrative, a poem, instructions and a biography over the course of the two terms.

## Maths

We will learn about Fractions, Addition and Subtraction using written methods, Multiplication and Division, Year 3's will also be learning about Money. Year 4's will also be learning about properties of shape, specifically angles.

## Science

We will start the first half of this term exploring 'Light'. Identifying what is light, sources of light, how light travels and how shadows are formed. Moving onto the second half of the term, we will be looking at different types of 'Forces' with lots of interesting experiments to investigate how objects move on different surfaces and understanding the power of magnets.

## RE:

This term in RE we will begin by looking at Christianity, more specifically, the story of Noah's Ark from Genesis. Through group discuss and role play, we will begin to understand the message behind the story and God's intentions for the world. We will consider what a **covenant agreement** is and what *God asked of Noah after the flood*. Following this, we move on to discuss how and why festivals and family life show what matters to Muslims.

## History and Geography:

This term in History, Sycamore class will be learning about the Ancient Greeks, where and when they were how they link to the Olympics and what is special about the buildings they built. Then in Term 4 Geography we will be learning more about Athens, Greece and how this place has become the place it is today.

### PSHCE:

We will be talking about 'Valuing Difference' this includes what different families look like and different peoples' perspectives.

### PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon. Pupils are to come into school in their PE kits on a Thursday. They will be learning tennis, badminton and volleyball over the course of the two terms.

### Homework:

**Reading:** Please ensure your children are reading at least 5 times a week as well as being heard reading aloud with an adult at least 3 times a week.

**TTRS:** Set Friday, due Friday. 20 mins in total of Garage every week (this could be 5 mins across 4 days, 10 mins across 2 days etc.).

**Rockerbox:** Set Friday, due Friday. This term at least 3 articles with comprehension per week.

**Year 4's prep for Multiplication Check:** Please ensure you are accessing 'Multiplication tables check' online. See Sycamore class page on website to find links to websites if needed. The children have been introduced to and used these websites in class.

### General Reminders

Pupils need a water bottle in school every day. Pupils also need a spare pair of shoes or wellies in school daily to change into at lunch time.

Our school values: Respect, Resilience, Responsible

Our Motto: Journeying together with love and trust

Our Theological Underpinning: They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. Psalm 1:3

Our School Vision: Children are rooted at the heart of our family school community, where all are nurtured on their journey, nourished with faith and trust. Our exceptional setting inspires learners to explore, discover and be resilient while flourishing on their own path as world citizens.

