

Sycamore Class Newsletter - Spring

January 2024

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and have enjoyed lots of family time together. We are looking forward to a new term together and are excited about our learning for the Spring term. As it is a shorter term, our theme of 'Save the Trees' will last over the term and give the children lots of opportunities to learn about why trees are so important as well as looking at and discussing current environmental issues and what we can do to protect our environment. As ever, if you have any questions or anything you would like to talk to us about, please do catch us before or after school or contact the office to arrange a meeting. Best wishes, Mrs Massey and Mrs O'Donnell.

Sycamore Shining Stars

Throughout the year, we are celebrating each member of our class as our Sycamore shining star. Each child writes a message to our 'Shining Star' and we read all of the messages on a Friday. This is a lovely way to celebrate how unique each of our children are and it is lovely to hear the positive comments that the children write for each other.

Relationships Learning:

This term our P.S.H.E. learning will be about changing, growing and Puberty. Please look out for more information in a letter before we start this topic.

PE and Swimming

This half term, Sycamore Class will be having a weekly football session with Morecambe Football Club on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will need their outdoor school kit and a warm top as we will be taking part in this session in all weather! The first session will be the 17th January.

Our other P.E. lesson will be every **Monday** this half term and we will be focussing on dance. Children will need their indoor P.E. kit for this lesson.

Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit to stay in school until half term. Each item should be labelled with your child's name. PE Kit should consist of a plain cotton T-shirt, cotton gym shorts or tracksuit bottoms, short socks, indoor pumps and trainers (optional for outdoors). Long hair should be tied back for P.E. lessons.

Spring term learning:

Our topic will be 'Save our Trees! We will be learning new art, geography, science and English skills and knowledge through this theme.

For more information about the rest of our learning, please see this half term's topic web.

Homework a reminder

Reading: Reading continues to be a very important part of homework. We would like the children to record their own reading learning at home in their reading planner. Children can choose to read their school book or their Fantastic Book Award book. We will continue to check reading planners weekly.

Spellings: Spellings will continue every Tuesday (starting from 9th January) and tested on the following Tuesday. Spellings will be on Spelling Shed and we would like the children to practise these during the week.

Times Tables: Children can access their Times tables Rock Stars at home. This is a great way for children to continue to practise their times tables and division facts.

Other homework: We will continue to send home one piece of Maths and one piece of English homework on a Thursday and this will be collected the following Thursday.

Occasionally, a creative homework piece, based on our topic will be set. Children are also encouraged to access Purple Mash at home regularly. All log in details are recorded in your child's reading record.

Thank you for all of your support with homework so far this year.

