

Welcome to Sycamore Class

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Welcome to the new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are all looking forward to the terms ahead.

The following information will allow you to follow and support your child's work up until Christmas.

Wandering Wombats



We are beginning the year with a geography topic called 'Wandering Wombats'. We will be learning about our place in the world and then focusing on a place far away - Australia. We are sharing Australian stories and learning about their animals and way of life.

If you have any artefacts or expertise in this area we would love to hear from you, please.

In Term 2 we will be moving onto a History topic all about the 'Great Fire of London'.

Our English lessons will focus on stories with repetition and we will be using retelling and drama to support our learning.

Reading Records need to be in school each day so that any messages can be noted in them or any school reading recorded. As always we encourage regular reading with an adult at home. The children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week. This will gain them a



Social Media

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We will be sending home a QR code for your child's digital profile ASAP.



The class blogs have been a huge success and you can subscribe to the Sycamore class blog to keep up-to-date with our learning. You are encouraged to comment regularly.

Success Stamp if it has been recorded in their Reading Record and signed at home by an adult. Reading Records will be checked on a Monday morning.

In Maths we will cover: number, place value, addition, subtraction, money, 2D and 3D shapes and measures. These lessons are consolidated with homework sent out on a Thursday. This will be due in on the following Wednesday. Please look at the accompanying explanation of homework in Sycamore Class.

Sycamore Class will visit the woodland area on Thursday afternoons on a weekly basis and we would be grateful if you could accompany us on these trips. There will be an online sign-up sheet for you to add your name to or alternatively contact us directly. We really do rely on parental support for this exciting opportunity and the Woodland visits will not take place on weeks where there are not enough adult volunteers. Children will need suitable clothing and welly boots for this activity and providing a woodland bag alongside a PE kit bag on their peg would be really helpful.

P.E. will take place on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday morning. It will be important that children have a P.E. kit in school for these sessions. We will be inside and outside for these sessions so please make sure that they have something warm as the weather gets chillier.

On Wednesday mornings we have a short session of 'Show and Tell' where children are encouraged to bring something in from home or just talk about something they enjoy or have been doing. This session works best if children bring something in that is related to what we are doing in class, so for example this term it could be something about the world or their holiday. There is a rota of children for this so that we only have five pupils a week sharing, this means that we can spend longer on each child. Keep a look out in children's book bags for a slip of paper highlighting when it's their turn to bring something in.

We do ask that children are provided with a named water bottle each day that is then taken home and refreshed for the next day as unfortunately we do not have a drinking water tap in Sycamore Class. There is a water fountain for children to drink from but it is not feasible for us to empty and refill everyone's water bottles each day.

Later in the term there are Parents' Evening sessions where we can discuss how your child has settled in. The dates for these in Sycamore Class are **Monday 9th** and **Tuesday 10th October**.

If you would like to come in and help out in the class or to hear readers please let us know, we always appreciate any offers of assistance.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact either of us.

Best wishes, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Crichard