



## Sycamore Class Newsletter - Terms 3 and 4, 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Thank you so much for our lovely gifts and best wishes and we hope you've had a lovely Christmas break and the children are ready for a fun filled spring term.

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

The whole term will have a Science theme, the first half term's topic will be a Materials topic called 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. The second half term is a topic looking at 'Green Plants'.

This term we will be investigating different materials and assessing their use in different situations. For example: Which would be the best for a raincoat? Which would be the best to keep you warm? This topic also involves Design and Technology as we will be designing and making a new cloak for the Emperor.

If you think you might be able to help at all, particularly with the sewing, please let us know.

Our English lessons will focus on Traditional Stories and Fairy Tales. It would be really helpful if you could spend some time sharing some of these stories with your child as they will be writing their own story and it really helps if they have had experience of lots of different examples.

Spelling lessons continue on a Monday morning and it is really great that many children are practising the spelling list at home, please keep this up as this feeds into their own writing and reading.

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 Success Stamp if it has been recorded in their Reading Record and signed at home by an adult. Remember this doesn't have to be a school book, any reading is really beneficial. Reading Records will be checked on a Monday morning.

In Maths we will cover number, place value, addition, subtraction and measures (length and width, weight and volume). Children will solve one step problem that involve addition and subtraction. We will be working on consolidating counting forwards and backwards from any number to 50, and knowing multiples of twos, fives and tens. Learning in lessons is consolidated with homework, which children should be able to complete from their learning in class, without needing too much help from an adult. Please do continue to let us know if they have found any of the homework particularly difficult, as we may need to revisit this again at school.

On Tuesday mornings we will continue to 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. It is always best if this is practised a little at home first so they have an idea what to say. This will be on a rota basis so keep an eye out for the little slip of paper in book bags.

PE sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Please can you check that this kit is labelled, including shoes, as it is easily muddled.

We will continue going to the Woodland every Thursday so it is very important children have suitable clothing and footwear. It does get chilly so they must have their legs covered and a coat at least. We are reliant on parent help for these walks so do please sign up if you can.

The children's targets have recently been reviewed and new targets for this term set so keep an eye out for these in Reading Records.

Parents' Evenings this term are on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This is a good opportunity to discuss progress but if you have any questions or concerns before then please don't hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Barratt and Mrs Crichard