



## Sycamore Class Newsletter - Terms 3 and 4, 2017

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.

We have a long topic that stretches Term 3 and 4 through which we will cover lots of different areas of the curriculum. The topic is based on the book 'Bog Baby' and is a story about two sisters who go on an adventure and find a little creature in their woodland.

As a guide some of the curriculum links for this topic are Art and DT where we will be making clay Bog Babies and then designing and sewing one too. In Science we are looking at animals and their habitats as well as materials and we will be thinking about looking after pets and animal and human diets. The book also covers issues of feelings, friendship and truth which we will be exploring too.

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 poetry and writing reports. It would be really helpful if you could spend some time sharing some non-fiction texts with your child as they will be writing their own 'information' books.

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 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, and measures (weight and time to the hour and half hour this term). We will be working on consolidating counting forwards and backwards in ones and tens from any number to 100, and knowing and using doubles and number pairs to 10 and then 20. 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.

PE sessions are on Mondays 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 Wednesday 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 will be reviewed during Term 3 and new targets for this term set so keep an eye out for these in Reading Records.

Parents' evenings this term are on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 30<sup>th</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 Blacker