



## Sycamore Class Newsletter - Terms 3 and 4 2016

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.

During the Spring our topics will be:

- Term three - Science, starting with a mini topic about the Seasons and then looking at Humans and Animals.
- Term four - Geography, all about Australia .

If you think you have any artefacts or particular interests which may help us in any of these topics please let us know.

Our English lessons will focus on stories with familiar settings and experiences, poetry and report writing.

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 Homework Diary and signed at home by an adult. Reading records will be checked on a Tuesday morning.

In Maths we will cover number, place value, addition, subtraction, money, 2D and 3D shapes and measures. We will be working on consolidating counting forwards and backwards in ones and tens from any number to 100, and knowing and using 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 Wednesday 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 moving to 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.

The children's targets will be reviewed at the beginning of the term and new targets for this term set so keep an eye out for these in Reading Records.

Parents evenings this term are on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March for Sycamore Class. May we also take this opportunity to thank those parents who have offered help and encourage any other parents who are interested in helping out in class to let us know. Your help would be most welcome.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Barratt and Mrs Blacker