

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.

Fun on the Beach



We are beginning the year with a history topic called 'Fun on the Beach'. We will be learning about where beaches are, what we might see on the beach and then look at beach holidays in the past. We are also sharing stories with a Seaside theme. If you have any artefacts or expertise in this area we would love to hear from you. As I mentioned in my welcome letter, it would be lovely to have parents or grandparents in to share their memories. We are also hoping to have a visit from a traditional Punch and Judy show.

In Term 2 we will be moving onto a geography topic all about Australia - 'Wondering Wombat'.

Our English lessons will focus on stories with familiar settings 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. They will be awarded a Success Stamp their reading has been recorded in their Reading Record and signed at home by an adult. Reading Records will be checked on a Monday morning. We have only sent



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home one reading book this week, but as we settle in we will change this to two and a sharing book - as in Oak Class.

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.

We are planning to start our visits to the woodland area on Thursday 13th September, however we are currently short of adult help - if you could accompany us on these trips please sign up on the Doodle Poll, (an online sign-up sheet for you to add your name to) or alternatively contact me directly. We really do rely on parental support for this exciting opportunity and unfortunately the Woodland Visits will not take place on weeks where there are not enough adult volunteers. As we have 27 children in class we require 6 adults including myself and Mrs Bethel. As the poll stands we may have to change this to fortnightly or even monthly visits but will try to confirm this by the Monday of any week we can go. 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 (many of you have provided this already, thank you).

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. 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 everyone has something warm as the weather gets chillier.

On Wednesday afternoons and Friday 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 beach 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 is their turn to bring something in.

The children each have a named water bottle in class which we are filling each morning however as the year goes on we want to encourage the children to take these home to refill them each evening 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 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 are Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th October.

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

Please remember the holiday homework was to complete a pop-up book for the Marlborough Literacy Festival - closing date Friday 14th.

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

Best wishes, Mrs Chapman