

Welcome to Sycamore Class

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Welcome back to the start of a new year, I hope you all had a relaxing summer and enjoyed the fantastic weather that we had. Following on from the information received on Moving on Morning, this letter recaps key information about the Autumn Term and information on how to keep up to date with your children's work.



We are beginning the year in **Term 1** with a history topic on the Great Fire of London. We will be learning about where the fire started, key people involved and what happened after the event. We are all very excited about our trip to the Museum of London on **Thursday 19th September**. If you have not yet completed the consent form please do so as soon as possible. Final information about the day will follow shortly.

In **Term 2** we will be moving onto a Science topic all about Humans and keeping healthy. Alongside this topic I would like to link in some DT based around food, so if there are any keen chefs amongst you who would like to come into class and work with small groups to do some cooking, then we would be very grateful for any time you could spare.

Our **English** lessons over the first two terms will focus on recounts, in particular diary entries and writing letters, along with instruction writing for keeping healthy. In **Maths** we will cover: number, place value, addition, subtraction, money, 2D and 3D shapes and measures.

We have been very fortunate to receive some funding to purchase some new reading books in KS1. A separate letter explaining the phases of these will follow from Mrs Wren. During this first week the children will be choosing a sharing book to bring home whilst we are assessing them. They will then also be given one of the new books which they will keep for a week before swapping it for a new one. During the week please revisit the book and encourage the children to find out the meaning of new vocabulary and to think about how they can put these words into sentences of their own.

Reading Records need to be in school each day so that any messages can be noted in them or any school reading recorded. It is expected that children



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A QR code for your child's digital profile has been given out today. This allows your child to send pictures of their work directly to your phone or laptop. (when authorized by teachers) Please let me know if you need any help with this.



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.

will read at least 5x a week to an adult and have their reading records signed. I have attached another copy of the homework explanation alongside this letter to explain this further.



As previously mentioned, we would like to continue with the **Woodland Learning** this year.

The visits will be linked to our topic work where possible and will continue to give the children endless opportunities to appreciate and explore the world around them. We will visit the woods once a fortnight on a Thursday Morning. If for any reason the woods cannot be used then where possible the planned activities will be carried out around the school grounds. I am hoping to begin these the week after our London visit. To ensure that these visits can take place, we are reliant on the support of adult volunteers. Once a date for starting these has been confirmed a sign-up sheet for volunteers will be circulated and any help at all, even if it is just the once, would be greatly appreciated. Your child will need their high-vis jacket, a pair of wellies and appropriate clothing (including waterproof coat and ideally trousers) which should be brought into school where it can be left for the term.

You will need a valid school DBS to accompany us and in the event that you wish to volunteer but don't have a DBS then this can be done at school for you, free of charge. We do need a minimum of 3 volunteers each week to be able to give your children this wonderful opportunity.

PE will take place on a Monday and Tuesday. It will be important that children have a PE kit in school for these sessions. At least one session will be outside, so please ensure they have both shorts and joggers/leggings, spare socks and a jumper in their PE bags.



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 15th** and **Thursday 17th October**.

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

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

Many thanks for your continued support

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