

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. The children have settled really well into Year 1 and the new routines that we have put into place for our new 'normal'. 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 Science topic on 'Humans and Keeping Healthy'. We will then look at the Plague and how people were affected during this time and then study the key events of the 'Great Fire of London'. We are hoping to get creative and develop our sewing skills too! In **Term 2** we will be moving on to look at the 'History of Flight and Steam'.



In RE we will be looking at Christianity and the Creation Story. We will look at our natural environment around us and be thinking about how fortunate we are.

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. The children will continue to also have daily **Phonics** lessons building on their phonics knowledge from Oak Class. They will be assessed within the next couple of weeks to give us an idea of any common gaps and put into place any necessary intervention sessions.

In **Maths** we will cover: number, place value, addition, subtraction, money, 2D and 3D shapes and measures. Alongside their daily Maths lesson we will also have three sessions a week focusing on key number facts. All children in KS1 all have logins for Numbots, a maths app to use both at home and school, which helps develop their quick recall of number facts.



Social Media

Keep updated with everything school related by following @w_woodborough



A QR code for your child's digital profile will be given out this week. 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.

<http://sycamoreclass.woodboroughschool.o>

Children progress through levels as they become more competent. A letter and their login codes will be sent home in due course.



You will have seen in your child's book bag that they have been given a sharing book along with a reading book. Their sharing book will be changed each Monday and their reading book will be changed on a Friday.

During the week please revisit the book and encourage your child to find out the meaning of new vocabulary and to think about how they can put these words into sentences of their own. There are also comprehension questions inside the back cover to go through with them at home.

It is expected that children will read at least 5x a week to an adult and have their reading records signed. Working through the comprehension questions together can count towards this and Success Stamps will be given accordingly. Reading Records need to be in school each day so that any messages can be noted in them or any school reading recorded.



We would like to continue with the **Outdoor Learning** this year. These sessions 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 have previously used the woods nearby but in the current situation we will be using the school grounds as we require fewer adults for supervision. Hopefully we will manage to get to the woods before the year is up! Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies which they can leave in school, along with a coat each day, as if we have a session outside planned we will go out regardless of the weather.

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. It will be important that children have a P.E. 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, a jumper and trainers in their PE bags. These will be sent home regularly to be washed.



I have been really pleased with how well the children have settled into Sycamore Class and their attitudes to their learning so far. We would normally have Parents' Evening towards the end of this term but at present we do not know how this will look. In the meantime, if you have any worries or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact me via the office.

Many thanks for your continued support, I'm really looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Sycamore Class.

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