

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. The children have settled really well into Year 1, are adapting well to the new routines and expectations and have demonstrated a great attitude to their learning so far. 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 with a **Science** topic on Animals and Humans which will continue through the Autumn term. Alongside this we will focus on **History**, in particular at shopping and how it has changed over time. We will then move onto our **Geography** unit looking at our local area, hopefully squeezing in some local walks.

English and **Mathematics** lessons will take place daily, where they will be working through the Year 1 Curriculum objectives. Alongside their daily Math's lesson we will also have Mastering Number sessions focusing on key number facts. **Phonics** and reading sessions will also take place daily, to prepare the children for their phonics check later in the year.

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.

Can we please remind you that any snacks you send in for your child must be **NUT FREE**, this includes their lunchboxes too. Fruit is also provided at break time should they wish to also have this. We have parents' evening towards the end of this term (details to follow) but 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.

Mrs Needham and Mrs Thackway
(Mon- Thursday) (Friday)



PE Lessons

PE will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. 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.



Homework

Children will receive a maths and a phonics activity, commencing the week beginning the 18th September. These activities will consolidate the learning that has taken place during the week.



Reading

I have heard each of the children read this week ready for starting our group reading next week. Once this begins, they will then bring home the reading book they have used in these sessions, like they did in Oak Class. In addition to this they will also have another reading book that they have chosen which will match the Phonics phase they are working within. This additional book and their sharing book will be changed on a Friday.

It is expected that children will read at least 5x a week to an adult and have their reading records signed. Reading Records need to be in school each day so that any messages can be noted in them or any school reading recorded.