

Welcome to Sycamore Class

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Welcome back to the start of 2024, I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas and managed to fight off the coughs and colds that were doing the rounds at the end of term. This letter will give you key information about the Spring Term and information on how to keep up to date with your children's work.



We are beginning the term with a **Science** topic on **Everyday Materials** which will continue through the Spring term. Alongside this, we will focus on **History**, in particular at the **History of Transport**. We are hoping to have a trip to STEAM museum in Swindon however this is likely to be at the start of Term 4 to give us time to finish the topic. We will then move onto our **Geography** unit looking at **Continents of the world and animals that live there**.

Mathematics and **English** lessons will take place daily. In maths, we will be focusing on, addition and subtraction within 20, fractions for half and quarter, place value to 50 and measurement. Alongside this, daily Phonics and Reading sessions will take place which will build the children's confidence with sounding out and blending in readiness for the Year 1 phonics screening check in June. In addition to our daily phonics lessons, we will have weekly spelling lessons which will cover the Year 1 spelling objectives.

I am really pleased how quickly they have settled back into their work after the Christmas break. We have parents' evening in March and details about how this will take place will be sent out nearer the time. 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

Mrs Needham and Mrs Thackway

(Mon- Thursday)

(Friday)

* Wyvern Theatre Dance Festival *

Monday 5th February

You should have all received the Weduc message last week with regards to this trip. A follow up letter asking for consent will be out this week. Please keep an eye out for this.

PE Lessons



PE will continue to 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 on a Friday. These activities will consolidate the learning that has taken place during the week.



Reading

It is great to see that most children are still reading regularly at home. 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. Those children who have read x5 get entered into the 'reader of the week' draw which they get really excited about.