

# Sycamore Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to the new academic year in Sycamore. Our topic this term is '**Step Back In Time**'. The class is already very excited about the time machine in our classroom! Within this topic, we will be covering areas of Computing, History, Geography, Design Technology and Art.



In History, we will be finding out about Queen Victoria and life in Victorian Britain. In Geography, we will be looking at the countries, capital cities and weather of the U.K. Our Science focus will be seasonal changes and the materials that everyday things are made from. In Design Technology, we will be making salt dough Christmas decorations. In Art we will be making a collage crown and a clay bowl. We will be using Clicker Paint and Beebots in Computing.



Sycamore will receive specialist music teaching from Miss Gore on a Tuesday and will be taught on a Wednesday by Mrs Dougill.

P.E days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** this term. A **named** P.E kit should be available at all times. Please remember trainers, navy blue tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor sessions.



## Reading Books

In Sycamore, we expect the children to change their reading books **3 times** each week. We will be encouraging the children to take the responsibility for putting their school reading book in the class book box when their book has been read and signed.

Reading books will be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** if they have been read and signed.

Children who read 3 times a week will get bonus housepoints on Fridays!

## **\*\*Reminder\*\***

**Please do not put drinks bottles in book bags.**



## Homework

Your child will be bringing home a common exception words booklet within their homework folder. We would like your child to learn to spell 5 of the words in the booklet each week and complete the small sentence activity on the same page. Spellings will be checked on a Friday. In the homework folder there will also be a maths piece.



Homework folders are expected to be handed in by **Thursday** at the latest. House points will be awarded if homework is returned on a **Monday**.

## Words

On a weekly basis, your child will be bringing home **high frequency words** on cards to practise reading. The cards will be in a transparent packet. New words will be given out once children are able to read the set of words. It is anticipated that the children will get new words every week.

## Labelling

It is very important that all of your child's clothing, their lunchbox (if being used) and other property is clearly labelled.



## Weekly reminder

Mondays	Reading books changed
Tuesdays	
Wednesdays	Reading books changed P.E kit needed in school
Thursdays	Homework folders handed in
Fridays	Reading books changed P.E kit needed in school Words packet needed in school

## Dates for your diary

Parents of Year 2 children will be invited to attend a meeting about SATs on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. (Details to follow) Parents of Year 1 children will be invited to attend a meeting about phonics on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. (Details to follow) Our class assembly will be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.45pm**. We hope that you can join us then. We are happy to discuss any matters concerning your child and we are available for a brief discussion via the school office from 8.45 a.m. or after school on the playground.



Many thanks,

Mrs Ashwell (class teacher) and Mrs Wesley (teaching assistant)