

Sycamore Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to the new academic year in Sycamore. Our topic this term is '**Spectacular Stories**'. Within this topic, we will be covering areas of History, Geography, Design Technology and Art.



In History, we will be finding out about how children in the past enjoyed stories compared to how stories are enjoyed today. In Geography, we will be finding out about the similarities and differences between Cape Coast in Ghana and Donington. Our Science focus will be seasonal changes and Animals including humans. In Design Technology, we will be sewing a bookmark. In Art we will be developing our painting skills through painting books on a bookshelf. In Computing we will be exploring the computer program Purple Mash, with a focus on online safety and creating pictograms.



Sycamore 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. This often leads to very soggy and ruined books!



Homework

Spellings to learn (5 words) will be on a sheet which will be given out on a Friday to learn over the weekend for checking on a Monday.



In the homework folder, which will be given out on a Friday, there will be an English and Maths based 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** to practise reading. New words will be given out once your child is able to read the set of words by sight without 'sounding out'. It is anticipated that your child will need new words to learn every week. Words will be checked on a Friday.

Labelling

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



Weekly reminder

Mondays	Reading books changed Spelling sheet back
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 needed in school

Dates for your diary

Parents of Year 2 children will be invited to attend a meeting about SATs on **Thursday 21st September** after school. (Details to follow) Parents of Year 1 children will be invited to attend a meeting about phonics on **Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm**. (Details to follow) Our class assembly will be held on **Friday 22nd 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)

