

Sycamore Autumn Term Newsletter

Our topic this term is 'When You Wish Upon A Star'. Many areas of English, History, Geography, Design Technology and Art will be covered within this topic.



In History, we will be finding out about the achievements of Walt Disney and the main changes in animation and film. In Geography, we will be finding out about the similarities and differences between Chembakolli in India and Donington. Our Science focus will be Seasonal Changes and Materials. In Design Technology, we will be sewing a star cushion. In Art we will be developing our painting skills. 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 **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** this term. A **clearly 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 at least **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 at least 3 times a week will get bonus house points on Fridays!



Reminder

Please do not put drinks bottles in book bags. This often leads to very soggy and ruined books! If your child has a snack from home for playtime, please send it separately from their lunch box.

Homework

In the homework folder, which will be given out on a Friday, there will be English and Maths based homework. 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 **every item** of your child's clothing and footwear is clearly labelled.



Drinks bottles and **lunchboxes** also need to be clearly labelled.

Weekly reminder

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| Mondays | Reading books changed Spellings checked |
| Tuesdays | P.E kit needed in school |
| Wednesdays | Reading books changed P.E kit needed in school |
| Thursdays | Homework folders handed in |
| Fridays | Reading books changed Word packets needed in school |

Dates for your diary

Parents of **Year 2** children will be invited to attend a meeting about SATs on **Friday 21st September** after school. (Details to follow) Parents of Year 1 children will be invited to attend a meeting about phonics on **Wednesday 3rd October** at 2.15pm. (Details to follow) Our class assembly will be held on **Friday 21st 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)

