

Sycamore Spring Term 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the new academic term in Sycamore. Our topic this term is '**Musical Melodies**'. Within this topic, we will be covering areas of Computing, History and Art.



In History, we will be finding out about the changes in popular music within living memory. In Geography, we will be finding out about the locality of our school. Our Science focus will be seasonal changes and animals (including humans). In Design Technology, we will be making a thank you card. In Art we will be painting musical notes and drawing an Easter egg. We will be using Word in Computing and finding out about e-safety.

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

P.E days continue to be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please **name all** items of P.E clothing and 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 in addition to certificates and stickers!



Homework

Please learn spellings using the special sheet provided. We will check spellings on a Friday. The spelling sheet will need to be handed in on a Friday so that I can record your child's score for you. Any spellings that they struggled with can then be looked at again.



Please see me for any further advice in learning spellings and helping your child in developing as a confident speller.

In the homework folder there will usually be two pieces which are based on work covered during the week. Homework folders are expected to be handed in by **Thursday** at the latest so that homework can be marked in time for giving back on a Friday. House points will be awarded if homework is returned on a **Monday!!**

Words

On a weekly basis, your child will continue to bring 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.

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 Spelling sheet needed in school



Dates for your diary

Our class assembly will be held on **Friday 10th March 2017 at 2.45 pm**. 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)

