

Sycamore Spring Term 2018 Newsletter

Our topic this term is 'Exploring the United Kingdom'. Within this topic, we will be covering areas of History, Geography and Art.



In History, we will be finding out about the celebrations linked to St George's Day, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day and St Andrew's Day. In Geography, we will be finding out about the countries and weather patterns in the U.K, as well as the surrounding seas. Our Science focus will be seasonal changes and plants. In Design Technology, we will create a special Mother's Day card. In Art we will be developing our printing skills through printing flags of the UK. In Computing we will be exploring the computer program Purple Mash, with a focus on animated stories and Lego Builders.



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.

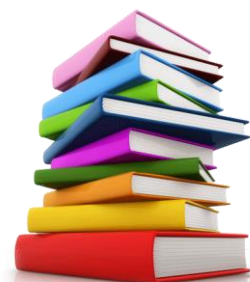


Reading Books

In Sycamore, we expect the children to change their reading books 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. This term, reading books can be changed on **any day of the week**, if they have been read and the reading record book signed. There will continue to be special **Rocket Reader certificates** awarded every Friday with the new Platinum Rocket Reader certificate for children who change their books more than 3 times a week!

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.

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**.



Word packets

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	Reading books changed
Wednesdays	Reading books changed P.E kit needed in school
Thursdays	Reading books changed Homework folders handed in
Fridays	Reading books changed P.E kit needed in school Word packets needed in school

Date for your diary

Our class assembly will be held on **Friday 19th January 2018 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)

