



# Sycamore Termly Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2023-2024

Starts Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September,  
ends Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! This year, by focussing on our TREAT values (trust, respect, equality, ambition and togetherness), we will support your child's development. We will help them improve their knowledge, skills and attitude to help them become even more wonderful, kind and clever.

This term our topic project will be The Romans.

Our learning will focus on how the Roman Empire changed Britain. They will find out what people's lives were like in those times as well as what made the Roman civilisation special.

### Literacy

Our writing topics are warning stories, poetry and non-chronological reports.

We will also be visiting the local library to choose reading books.

You can support your child at home by joining the library and helping your child choose books to borrow.

### Maths

Our maths topics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction.

In May, the children in Year 4 will take a times tables check test. This is a national requirement for all children in Year 4.

Learning these multiplication facts will make a big difference to children's confidence and skill in maths.

To improve the children's skills, we will be practising times tables for a few minutes every day throughout this year.

### ART

Our topic this term is about the artist Seurat and his style of painting: Pointillism.



### Science

Our topic this term is Eating and Digestion.

Children will learn about how their bodies work and what happens to food after we have eaten it!

### Homework

Our most important homework is reading. The more reading your child does, the better they will do at school. Your child should bring home a reading book at their level. Please hear them read every day. When they have finished the book, they can take a quiz on it and choose a new one.

Children need to score 60% or more on the quizzes to pass!

### DOJO and website

Try to keep an eye on Class Dojo and the school website for important dates and upcoming events. Feel free to contact me through Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns.

Other homework is set on Friday and due in by the following Wednesday.

### PE

Our PE sessions will be on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. The children can wear PE kit for the whole day. Please make sure your child has a white t-shirt and dark shorts, leggings or plain tracksuit trousers.