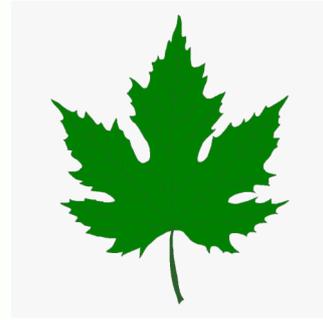# Sycamore Class Newsletter

Autumn 2020

Welcome

Welcome to Sycamore Class. There are lots of new things to get used to this term, a new classroom, new teacher, new teaching assistant, new routines… the list is almost endless. Mrs Wesley and I will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible but if you have any non-urgent queries, please contact us on the class email.

This term we will be learning about Festivals and Celebrations, there is more information later in the newsletter.

We hope you find the information in this news letter useful.

We will be using Class Dojo as a reward system for the class. It is an interactive resource where children can accumulate dojo points for different aspects of their work e.g. being on task, great answers, changing reading books regularly, handing homework in early.

Children will collect the points and when they reach a certain amount they can be converted into house points for their team colour.

Reading

Reading is very important., especially in Year 1 where we are extending our phonics and vocabulary knowledge.

We read in class on a daily basis and encourage the children to regularly read at home, every night if possible. Reading books and reading diaries can be checked and changed on any day of the week. We still need the books and reading diaries to be brought into school even if the book is not finished so we can keep our records up to date. Children will follow our school reading scheme until they are ready to move onto the **Accelerated Reader Programme**. The Accelerated Reader is an online system that children use when they have finished reading a book, it asks them questions to check their understanding of the book they have read.

Children will also be able to choose a book from school to bring home and share with you. This will be a picture book for you to read together, these will be changed once a week, on a Friday. This can be recorded in their reading diary but remember, this is a book to enjoy together and an aid to instilling a love of reading with the children.

Over the term the children will be introduced to **MyOn**. MyOn is an online reading platform linked to Accelerated Reader. There are thousands of online books that the children will be able to access and read.

Reading is the key to all our education endeavours; thank you for all your support with home reading.

This term we will be studying:

Festivals and Celebrations

Literacy	Take 7 Books
	Stories with predictable and patterned language
	Character/Setting Descriptions
	Labels, Lists and Captions
	Information Texts
Numeracy	Number: Place Value (within 10)
	Number: Addition and Subtraction
	Geometry: Shape
	Number: Place Value (within 20)
Science	Everyday Materials
	Seasons
Geography	The UK
History	Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot
Computing	Online Safety
	Exploring Purple Mash
DT	Making a kite
RE	Harvest
	Diwali
	Christmas
	Remembrance
Music	Rhythm Games
Art	Collage-Kite
	Printing-Poppies
PE	Multi-Skills
	Dance
PSHE	Families and Friendship
	Respecting Ourselves and Others
	Growing and Changing

PE

PE takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays.
Indoor and outdoor PE kits will be needed and consist of: shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt, trainers and plimsolls.

As we continue with the measures due to Covid 19, the majority of our PE lessons will take place outdoors. Please make sure your child has an outdoor PE kit in school.

Please ensure that the children's names are clearly marked in all of their PE kit.
Jewellery must not be worn for PE and long hair needs to be tied

Homework

Homework will begin on Friday 18th September. This will be in a mix of paper and online formats. Please see attached letter for more information.

Class e-mail

If you have any non-urgent queries or require assistance with homework, you can contact me on the class email.

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Remember, most of this information is on the website but if have any non urgent queries, please use the class email or contact the school office.
Thank you,
Mr Garfield and Mrs Wesley