

# Sycamore Class Newsletter

Autumn 2020

## **Welcome**

My name is Mrs Hrubesch, and I am excited to be the new teacher in Sycamore Class, working alongside Mr Gallant, Mrs Wesley and Mrs Morrissey. We will do our best to make the transition to a new year group as smooth as possible, but please do not hesitate to email us on the class email if you have any non-urgent enquiries:  
sycamore.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

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 day e.g., being on task, great answers, helping others, teamwork etc. Children will collect the points and they can be converted into house points for their team colour.

Please can you ensure that all uniform, coats, bags, lunch bags and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Mr Gallant will teach the class every Thursday; he is very excited to be introducing the children to his first language, French!

## **Reading**

Reading is very important to all of us in Sycamore Class, where we will extend our phonics and vocabulary knowledge. We are looking forward to introducing our Story Tree to the children and can't wait for them to add their favourite books to ours. We read in class daily and encourage the children to read at home with you every evening too. Reading diaries will be checked daily and reading books can be changed on any day of the week. Please ensure your child brings their books and reading diaries to school every day, even if the book is not finished, as we will listen to your child read in school too. Every Friday we will reward children with house points for reading at home. If they read every day, they get a golden house point, which is worth a whopping 100 points!

Over the term the children will be introduced to MyOn. This is an online reading platform, linked to Accelerated Reader which the children will encounter as they move through the school. 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.

## **PE**

PE takes place every Monday and Thursday. Your child will need to come to school on those days dressed in the correct PE kits. PE lessons will continue to take place outside as often as possible so your child will need to wear jogging bottoms, trainers, a t-shirt and a sweatshirt in their team colours. Long hair must be tied back, and no jewellery worn.

## **Homework**

Homework will begin on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a mix of online and paper activities to complete. Information will be emailed, and can also be found on the Purple Mash Class Blog.

## **This term we will be studying: Festivals and Celebrations**

English	Stories from our Story Tree Character/Setting descriptions Labels, Lists and Captions Information Texts
Maths	Number: Place value (within 10) Number: Addition and Subtraction Geometry: Shape Number: Place value (within 20)
Science	Everyday Materials Seasons
History	Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot
Computing	Online safety Exploring Purple Mash
DT	Sewing Christmas decorations
RE	Harvest Diwali Christmas Remembrance
Music	How can we make friends when we sing together?
PE	Multi-skills Dance
PSHEE	Relationships Teamwork It's my body
Art	Collage – Leaves Printing - Poppies
French	Introduction to French
Geography	The UK

If you have any non-urgent queries, please use the class email, or contact the school office.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hrubesch and the rest of Sycamore Class.