



Sycamore Class

Newsletter

Spring Term

2018



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas!

A warm welcome to Mrs Genner-Morris, our new TA in Sycamore!

We look forward to working with you in Sycamore Class.

NEW TOPIC FOR THE SPRING TERM

Our new topic this term is Home and Away - a Geography-based topic focusing on UK, France & Rivers/Water Cycle. An overview of what they will be learning is attached to this newsletter.

MATHS

The main focus this term is fractions & decimals. We will revisit place value, number and calculation throughout the year and continue to practice times tables and division facts. Reasoning and problem-solving exercises are included in every unit of work. We also teach a unit of shape & measure each term. Last term, we covered Area & Perimeter and this term we will be moving onto Time & Money measures.

ENGLISH

This term we will be looking at cultural stories and story-writing, focusing on *Christophe's Story* by Nicki Cornwell.

HOMEWORK

Our school policy is for children to read **at least** four times a week. Children are expected practice their **times tables** and **spellings**. In addition, **two** pieces of **formal homework** will continue to be set per week – one **Maths (My Maths)** and one **English**. English will be set on a Monday and will be due in on a Thursday; Maths will be set online on a Thursday and will be due in on a Tuesday. There may also be homework from other subjects.

SYCAMORE TEAM

Teacher: Miss Rogers

TA: Mrs Genner-Morris

SPELLING TEST CHANGES

Pupils will continue to be taught spelling patterns in class. **However, there will no longer be a formal weekly test on these words.** Instead, the children will be given their list of Y3/4 or Y5/6 words and expected to practise them daily. Words from the list will then be selected at random and tested in lessons. This change is to help encourage the children to apply their spellings to their English work and across the curriculum.

SEEING TEACHERS

Should you have any concerns whatsoever about your child's education, or and questions you wish to raise, then please do not hesitate to contact me, either via link book, at end of the day or by appointment.