

Sycamore Class Newsletter

September 2018

I love September as it's a chance for new beginnings. We're really looking forward to working with Sycamore class. We have lots of exciting things planned as we jump into Year 2. As part of our topic we will be creating dream jars and would welcome donations of small clean jars with lids to help us capture our aspirations.

Mrs Heley & Miss Hines

Our school topic for this half term is: Dream Big
Our enquiry question is: How big is a dream?

English

We will be exploring repetition and description by writing our own versions of Funnybones. We will also be exploring other stories by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. In non-fiction we will be exploring the structure of instructions and will be linking this to our artwork.

Spelling sheets will be sent home weekly, and books can be changed as and when children need to.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be consolidating our understanding of place value and using this to explore and consolidate our use of number. We will be looking at addition and subtraction and how they are linked as well as how we can use our understanding of place value to make solving problems simpler.

Our school continues to subscribe to Mathseeds and homework will be assigned online in time.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Linking our topic work with our English, we will be exploring the artistic styles of illustrators and be making self-portraits in the style of Janet Ahlberg. We will be considering what it means to dream, how dreams, wishes and ideas are linked and how we can work to help make some dreams a reality through hard work and perseverance. This half term we are sharing the book, The BFG, by Roald Dahl. As part of our topic, Dream Big, we would like our children to find out all about the different jobs they could aspire to be. In order to make this a success, we would like to have as many different careers showcased as possible. If you are available on the 11th October, please see your child's class teacher ASAP.

Reminders

PE kits should be brought in on Monday for the week ahead. (PE is Tuesday and Friday)

Don't forget your named sun hats and water bottles.

We do our learning in all weathers, inside and out, so

How to Support at Home

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of home learning. Please read regularly at home and record these in reading records, please send records in daily. Look Cover Write Check sheets will be sent home weekly. As before, Mathseeds, Purple Mash and Espresso can be used to support learning at home.

Class Dates

Year 2 Writing Café – Thursday 27th September 9am-10am 2018

Sharing Afternoon – Thursday 4th October 2018

Parents Evenings – 5-10th October 2018

Harvest Festival – Monday 15th October

What is a Rights Respecting School?

A Rights Respecting School puts the CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child) at the heart of a school's culture and ethos to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their fullest potential



Article 12:

Children have the right to say what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.

Sycamore Class Charter

We will **walk** safely around the school.
When in the corridors, we will be **quiet**
so we don't disturb the learning of others.
We will be silent in the foyer.
(Safety and Respect)

Control your voice. **Follow** the noise meter.
(Respect)

Respect our resources by using them
safely and putting them away.
(Safety and Respect)

Use **kind** words, hands and feet.
(Respect and Safety)

Always **think** about how you can help
yourself to be a better learner.
(Achievement)

We **work** with everybody. We are **friendly**
and **respectful** to everyone.
(Respect and Teamwork)