

# Sycamore Class Newsletter

November 2018

With the leaves changing and our weather turning crisp, it's time for us to turn on our acting skills and brush off our angels wings. As we enter the second half term of Year 2, the children are taking on increasing responsibilities across the school. Well done to all the children who have put their name forward for School Council, Playground Buddies, E-safety champions, Librarians and House Captains.

Mrs Heley & Miss Hines

**Our school topic for this half term is: Lights, Camera, ACTION!**  
**Our enquiry question is: What are all the colours in the world?**

## English

We will be exploring the rags to riches tale of Cinderella. We will be exploring the story, writing our own version and then writing a sequel of what could happen after happily ever after.

Look cover right check sheets are sent home weekly. Videos are now being added regularly to showcase the mnemonics used to help us recall tricky spellings. Have you got a special way to remember a tricky spelling? Why not share it on

## Maths

In Maths this half term we will be developing our understanding of multiplication and division and thinking about how these skills link to fractions and shape.

Our school continues to subscribe to Mathseeds and homework will now be assigned weekly through the Mathseeds website. If you are having difficulty signing on or would like your child to retake the placement test, please speak

## Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we will be exploring light and shadow, linking that theme through our science where we will look at the formation of shadows, the rotation of the earth and its effects on the weather. In RE we will be exploring three different festivals linked by the common theme of light: Christmas, Chanukah and Diwali and how these festivals are celebrated around the world. And of course, no Autumn 2 term would be complete without the razzle and dazzle of a Christmas play. Information to follow about your child's role in this year's production.

## Reminders

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

Don't forget water bottles and coats to come in daily.

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

**Sycamore Christmas Café- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 2pm-3pm**

**Christmas Plays – 13/14<sup>th</sup> December**

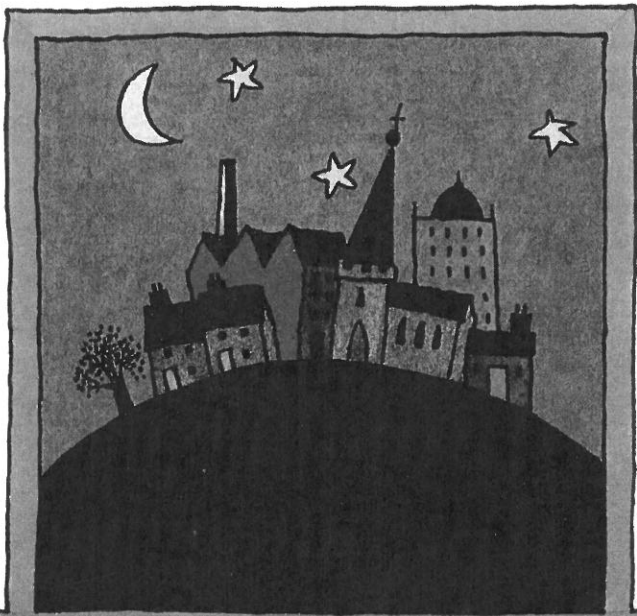
**Book Sale – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 3:15pm**

Our eight week project this term focusses on reading for understanding.

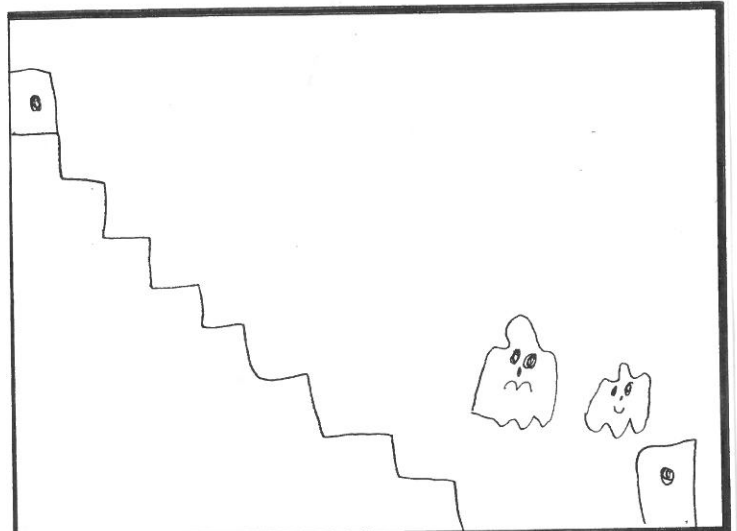
A key part of understanding what has been read is discussing the words used within the book and thinking about why the author has made these word choices. This skill allows children to 'magpie' or steal words, learned through reading, to use in their own writing.

This is just one of the many reasons that it is so important for children to read regularly at home. Children should aim to read at least three times a week in order to develop confidence and fluency.

Below is an example of how Sycamore Class have been inspired by Funny Bones and used some of it's language to enhance their writing.



This is how the story begins. ~  
on a dark, Spooky hill, there was  
a dark, Spooky town. In the dark  
Spooky town. There was a dark  
Spooky street in the  
dark, Spooky cottage.  
In the dark Spooky  
cottage.



There was a dark Spooky  
staircase. Up the dark  
Spooky Staircase there  
was a dark Spooky Loft  
in the dark Spooky Loft  
Some... ghost's lived. They  
crept up the dark  
smelly stairs.