# **Sycamore Class Newsletter**

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# **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.

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#### **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