



Sycamore Newsletter



Summer term

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Teaching Assistants: Miss Williams & Miss Sherry

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you had a lovely break over Easter and the children are feeling refreshed for our last term in Year 1! This term, we will start preparing them for Year 2 which means the children will be asked to work more independently and produce work more fluently. We will be working closely with KS1 learning mentor Mr Waterman to ensure this process is smooth. Mr Waterman is available to work with children and/or parents to assist with matters such as self-confidence, anxiety, behaviour and social skills. If you would like your child and/or you to work with Mr Waterman then please get in touch with him or the class teachers.

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Phonics screening

Official phonics screening will take place w/c 10th June. The children will be asked to read 20 real words and 20 alien/pseudo words. This is so that their knowledge of phonics sounds is tested and not their memory for words that they may have seen before. We have done many practise 'tests' throughout the year so the children are used to the format and so that we are aware of which children need breaks etc. You can help at home by practising the sounds on the back of this letter and by reading as much as you can with your child, pointing out sounds and drawing on the sound buttons.



Our topic this term is **THE GREATEST SHOW!** In the first half term, we will be learning about the greatest shows on earth, such as the Ringling, Barnum and Bailey circus that The Greatest Showman is based upon, the ringmasters and the skills that are required to be a circus performer. In the second half term, we will be looking at Yorkshire's greatest show, taking a trip to the show and setting up and running our own 'The Great Clayton Show'.

If you would like more details on what we are learning this term, please see our medium term plan which is published on the school website.

Reading volunteers

We have a great team of dedicated reading volunteers in school that come in one or two afternoons a week but would love to have some more. In return for your help, we offer front row attendance at our big assemblies such as Christmas Production and May Day. If you are able to spare an afternoon or a couple hours a week then please get in touch with the office or Mrs Whitaker.



Reading Fluently

At the end of year 1, we assess the children in a variety of ways to see if they are on track to achieve Year 1 expectations. In reading, we look at their phonics score, fluency of reading, the book band colour they are reading and their ability to answer questions about a story they have read and one that has been read to them. To meet year 1 expectations at the end of the year, children should be reading approximately 80 words a minute of an orange reading book. If your child is finding this tricky, we will be doing extra phonics and reading practise with them in school. Reading with them as much as possible at home and discussing stories will help their reading fluency.

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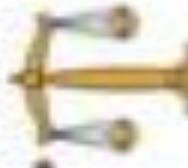
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