



Sycamores Newsletter

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BEHAVIOUR

It's good to be green!



Your child is aiming to show good 'green' behaviour at all times. Please ask your child if they have been green all week and help them to reflect on how they could improve the following week if necessary.

PE: Sycamores have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. We aim to have one indoor and one outdoor lesson each week during this term; please ensure your child has appropriate kit including suitable footwear. Many thanks.

Class Homework Expectations:

We are aiming to get children into good habits for their homework so that they are used to it as the amount of homework increases when they transition to secondary school.

On Monday, each child is given a pack of homework which includes:

- A list of 10 spellings to learn for a weekly test
- A piece of Maths which reflects the work in class or helps to reinforce arithmetic skills
- A reading task to reinforce home reading
- A spelling, punctuation or grammar related task

Children have a week to complete the homework. In addition, they take home a reading book and should aim to keep practising mental maths skills. Thank you for your support with this.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WORK

We value children's achievements extremely highly and always aim to display the children's creativity and hard work in class. Please feel free to pop in at home time to see your child's achievements.

Literacy

We shall be aiming to link our Literacy to our topic work as far as possible this term. We shall be writing several pieces across a range of genres including an expose style newspaper report on the conditions of workhouses, exploring the arguments to and for attending school and a narrative piece with a Victorian child as the main character. In addition, we shall be continuing to work on our SPaG skills and reading comprehension skills. This will include some timed sessions and lots of group discussion.

Numeracy

Our Maths topics this term include working with decimals, percentages and being able to find equivalents between fractions, decimals and percentages. We shall also be looking at algebra and ratio. Miss Atkins will concentrate on measurement, position and direction in her sessions. As always, we will continue to develop our resilience with problem solving and reasoning skills as well as arithmetic skills.



What your child will be learning this term:

Our topic this term is about the Victorians and we shall mostly be focusing on what it was like to be a child in this period. We will explore the differences between rich and poor children, how their life expectancy may have differed and who helped them. We shall investigate the working lives of children and what their experience of school might have been. We will also take this opportunity to look at how Sowerby Bridge has changed, studying local maps of different time periods. We are hoping to finish our topic with an event on the morning of Wednesday April 10th. Put the date in your diary, further details will follow!