



Sycamore Newsletter

Autumn 1 Term 2023-24

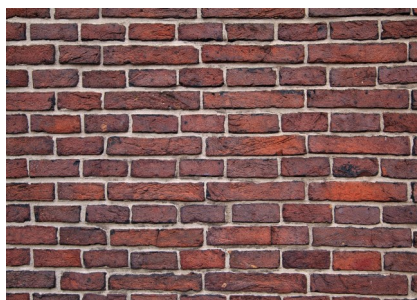


Upcoming Diary Dates:

There will be School photos on Friday 22nd and some harvest celebrations in the final week be-

General Class News:

An exciting start to the new academic year in Sycamore class. Lots of familiar faces and new ones as well. Options 1 and 2 allow our class to access Construction, Art, Food and Sports sessions. Independent living and enterprise lessons will provide pupils with the skills needed in later life and the work place.



We are all looking forward to The Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. The pupils will be working towards their volunteering unit by offering car washing (fund raising activity) and maintaining the school's bike track. The pupils will also be learning about basic first aid.

Maths

Pupils are following the Entry Level and Level 1 Edexcel Maths qualification. This term we work on, ordering numbers, fractions, patterns, properties of 2D shapes, symmetry and the four operations of number.

English

The pupils will begin their Entry Level Certificate in English by reading 'A Story like the wind' by Gill Lewis. They will be reading the story and practising reading and writing activities to develop their comprehension skills. They will also be learning spelling and grammar to help improve their writing skills.

RSHE

Our first theme of Self Awareness sees us focus on personal strengths and developing self-esteem. We will also consider how goal setting can help develop skills for learning. The pupils will focus on identifying and strategies for if someone is feeling unwell or frightened and worried. We will also consider what to do in emergency situations.

Science

Pupils will learn about matter, atoms and elements. They will be working towards one of their units for their entry level science award. The pupils will take part in practical and theory based sessions to produce their own experiments on this topic.

PE

The pupils will be playing Tag Rugby and Football with the aim of developing their confidence to ask and answer questions in group discussions when asked. Also, improve skills such as more consistently knowing when to either pass, run or take a shot/score with the ball under pressure and be able to recall at least three rules about an invasion game.

Other subjects:

Art:

The pupils will be begin their Arts award project. This term they will be experimenting with drawing and colour mixing techniques to create portraits. they will study the work of other artists and look to use their techniques and style within their own paintings. The pupils will also take part in a trip to a local museum to study artworks by other artists.

Topic:

Pupils this term will follow two AQA units. Their first unit is on Anglo Saxon life, they will use maps to locate countries that were involved in the invasion and they will learn about what life was like as an Anglo Saxon. They will then study Christianity and their place of worship. Students will visit a church

Any other useful information Useful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/speed-test/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>