



# Sycamore Newsletter

## Autumn 2 Term 2023-24

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

Children in Need  
17th November

Christmas Light Walk  
7th December

Cromer Church Carol Service  
18th December

Christmas Dinner Day



### General Class News:

This half term has been great fun especially in topic where we learnt about Anglo Saxons. We investigated where they came from and when. We also looked at living, lifestyle and entertainment. Very enlightening.

We are really looking forward to the second half of Autumn term and the lead up to Christmas. We are excited to be producing Christmas crafts for sale in our Enterprise lessons. Christmas trees, snowmen, Father Christmas and various decorations all made out of pallet wood. We hope to make a big profit.

We are hoping to go on some trips next half term and will keep you updated as soon as we have some news.

You can keep up to date with world affairs on [BBC Newsround](#) each day.

Remember it will get cold next half term, so please wear a warm winter coat.

### Maths

Year 10 will continue looking at Place value, representing numbers up to 10000. Comparing, ordering, estimation and rounding. We will then move onto Addition and Subtraction working up to 4 digits. The final topic is Multiplication and Division; in particular, pupils will look at the 3, 6 and 9 times table and understand what a multiple is.

### English

We have had great fun writing our own World's Worst Children stories. This coming term, we shall use the characters as inspiration to write a formal letter and a news report. Students will develop their comprehension skills through guided reading in preparation for exam reading tests. We improve our speech and language skills through role play and drama which is always enormous fun! We are improving our SPaG (spelling, grammar and punctuation) skills, with the children following small group or individual programmes. Please find some website games and activities on SPaG for children to continue practising at home.

## RSHE

We have been investigating Self-Care, Support and Safety, Feeling Unwell, Feeling frightened/worried, Accidents & Risk and Emergency situations. We've Identified some things that we can do to take care of our physical well being and our mental wellbeing, know how to talk about health and know when and how to ask for help. Know simple hygiene routines and understand why it is important to reduce the spread of germs.

## Science

We will continue our chemistry topic for the AQA Entry Level. The students will plan their own investigation to determine which is the best indigestion medicine as part of their coursework.

## PE

During this half term lessons will be moving into the gym where students will learn the basic skills of Basketball. We will be looking at dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. We will then look to put all these skills together and play a full court game following the rules. The other PE lesson will be from a local tennis coach and learning about the skills needed for indoor tennis.

## Other subjects:

### Topic

Next term we will be studying Christian places of worship. In Norfolk we have many churches and 2 cathedrals which we will be learning more about. The history and architecture will be fascinating. We will be visiting Sidestrand church and exploring the inner workings and features. We are also in the process of organising a short talk on the purpose and uses of the Church by the ex Vicar of Sidestrand church and parish.

### Independent Living:

Careers and jobs and the skills needed in the world of employment. We discussed jobs we'd like to do and what we needed to do to achieve our goals.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award:

The pupils have been learning about first aid, how to resuscitate someone, asthma, bleeding and who to call in an emergency. We have also been map reading using coordinates and clearing the bike track path. You can download the app 'what 3 words' which can help you in an emergency.

## Any other useful information — Useful websites:

Maths <https://nrich.maths.org/> <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

History <https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids>