



Sycamore Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Number Day -
2nd February

Safer Internet Day -
7th February

World Book Day -
7th March



General Class News:



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■ as we go along. Our independent use of tools is

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 still be cold next half term, so please
wear a warm winter coat.

Maths

During this half term, Year 10 are going to use their number and shape skills to develop their understanding of fractions. There will also be more on everyday skills. Later on, they will experience some entry level testing.

English

This half term, children explore fantastical worlds with mythological creatures, brave heroes, wizards and elves! Stories range from Theseus and the Minotaur to Beowulf's adventures. We also learn the language features of instructions and combine both genres with our mystical journey book, 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman. Children write fantastical stories, create journey poems and write and follow recipes for mystical baking. We write emails and invites for our Mad Hatters Tea Party!

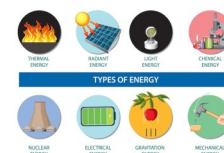


RSHE

This term we will be looking at self - esteem and dealing with kind and unkind comments. We will consider how strong feelings can affect us and ways in which we can get help. Students will learn about healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviours and strategies to manage these. We will carry on with some goods discussions around all of our topics, take turns, listen and respect other peoples opinions. Finally we will be learning about intimate relationships - including reality, expectations, consent, safe sex practice and the potentially harmful impact of pornography.

Science

The students will continue working towards their ELC qualification. We will be finishing our chemistry topic, covering the Earth's atmosphere and how humans have impacted it. After this topic is completed, we will begin our physics unit which includes topics such as forces, energy transfers and efficiency.



PE

This term pupils will be practicing for the school cross country race. This will involve them trying to beat their previous times and learning the route around our amazing school site. We will also be trying out some new sports engaging in handball, tchoukball, lacrosse, netball, and volleyball.

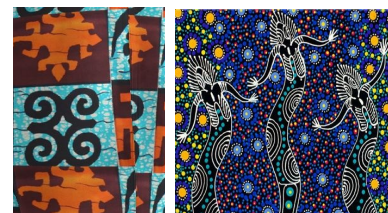
Other subjects:

Topic — This half term we will be looking at the history of travel and transport. We will improve our discussion skills. We will demonstrate ways in which travel and transport have changed through history. Talk about invention of cars, trains and aeroplanes. To know some of the significant people involved in the development of different types of travel.

Independent living—Will focus on Independent living at home and how we organise our daily lives. We will be able to plan, budget and cook 3 basic low cost balanced meals. Pupils will investigate travelling by public transport, looking at timetables, planning journeys and learning about road safety and what to do when it doesn't go to plan. They will also be finding out about household maintenance tasks including washing and cleaning.

Enterprise - This half term in Enterprise the pupils will be looking at designing and developing school merchandise to be sold at the school play performance at the pier. They will be working as a team to discuss products that could be sold at the performance, then planning how to make, market and sell their finished articles.

Art and Textiles — This half term we are creating linocut printed pop art and then move onto our Art and Textiles From Other Cultures unit of work. We begin with Aboriginal inspired Batik pictures and then create our own block printed Adinkra fabric which we make into summer shorts.



Other useful information

English <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7mtsbk>

Maths <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

Geography & Ind Liv <https://earth.google.com/> <https://www.theaa.com/route-planner/route>