



Sycamore Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2023-24



Dates for your Diary:

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Final Expedition

Wednesday 22nd May —

Thursday 23rd May

Half Term

Monday 27th May -

Friday 31st May

General Class News:

We are looking forward to this term as the days get lighter and hopefully a lot warmer. We have already serviced the outdoor furniture ready for reading in the outside class area. We have also acquired another outdoor bench, pots, compost and some wildflower seeds to attract more wildlife. This will be a flourishing area that will no doubt make Sycamore class and others happy throughout the term.



Maths

Our maths will follow the Mastery Approach and we will be continuing to practice our basic arithmetic operations. We will also revisit the *Time* topic and apply this to our daily lives, including timetables. We will also trial an entry level test at an appropriate point (practice or actual).

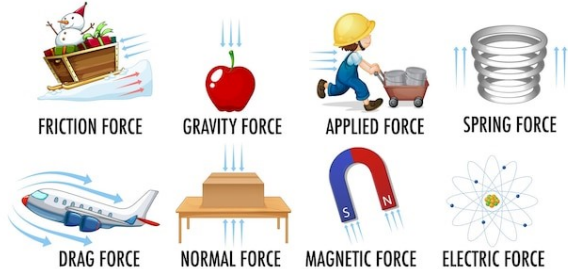
English

This half term has been full of the arts with pupils visiting galleries and delivering outstanding performances in the school spectacular, Plastic Pirates. Alongside this, in English, we have been looking at the language of contrasts with pupils using and adopting alternative counter language. We have used this language in real life discussion situations with pupils encouraged to acknowledge other viewpoints and voices. Pupils have moved on to form 'for' or 'against' write-ups on the topic of zoos and animals in captivity.

RSHE

Once the changing and growing unit is completed we look at managing finances - including advertising, budgeting, saving and consumer rights. Next is Mental well being and the help available for ourselves and others. The penultimate unit of physical activity - the benefits and challenging stereotypes and barriers around physical activity. Finally we look at healthy eating with a focus on high sugar and caffeine food and drinks and the influences around food choices.

TYPES OF FORCE



Science

The pupils will continue working towards their ELC qualification. We will continue our physics unit learning about contact and non-contact forces, as well as the different stores and transfers of energy. The pupils will take part in various practical experiments, including designing and carrying out an investigation into the factors which affect friction.

PE—In the first half term, Sycamore class will be practising their Athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. They will learn to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing as well as developing balance, agility and coordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities. We will also be trying out some foot golf.

Other subjects:

Independent Living

The focus during the summer term in independent living is knowing about different aspects of community and citizenship, including the importance of rules and laws, democracy, community and contributing to society.

Topic

This term we will be learning about similarities between the UK and another European country. We will learn about the main religion in our chosen country. We will also look at Christianity and Judaism and hope to visit two places of worship.

Other useful information

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/> [English](#)

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477> [Maths](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> [General subjects](#)

