

# Sycamore Class Spring Newsletter – January 2023



Welcome to 2023 in Sycamore Class! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break and are enjoying January so far ... despite the rain! Please find below a flavour of what KS2 are up to this term.

**English** Year 3/4's first novel is '**The Secret Garden**' by Frances Hodgson Burnett and Year 5/6's is '**Room 13**' by Robert Swindells – a children's classic and an adventure/thriller, respectively, which we will use to inspire our writing of persuasion, explanation, character and setting descriptions and suspense narratives.

**Maths** Y34 are concentrating on multiplication, division, measure, area, perimeter and fractions this term, whilst Y56 are focusing upon decimals, percentages, measure, area, perimeter, data handling and ratio. As always, times **table fluency** is the bedrock of most areas of maths so please do encourage your child(ren) to use TT Rockstars regularly at home.

**Topic** We are learning all about **farming**. We will be studying the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.

**Science** is **Living Things** and **animal/human lifecycles**. In Y34 we will focus upon Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System whilst in Y56 we will be looking at Life Cycles and Human Life.

**RE** Y34 will study the theme of **Journeys**, with the key question 'why do some people think that life is a journey?' whilst Y56 will be considering, '**What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?**

**Other areas:** **PSHCE** is based upon '**Dreams and goals**' (eg: how to overcome challenges in our lives; how to empathise with others who face challenges). **PE** will be **dance** (Tuesdays) and **health related exercise** (Fridays), taught by Total Sports. Please ensure that your child(ren) wear PE kit (*white top/red hoody/black or grey shorts/leggings and trainers*) on both of those days and have long hair tied back. **Spanish** We are learning about the calendar and celebrations this term. **Computing** We will be using 'Scratch' to design, write and debug programs.

## Dates for your diary:

23 January, 3.20pm **SATs meeting for Y6 parents**

9 February – **Young Voices, Sheffield**

13-17 February – **half term break**

22 February **MTC meeting for Y4 parents**, 3.20pm

9 March – **school open day** – details to follow

30 March, 2pm, **Easter Service** in Church

6 February **Parent/HT meetings**, 4.30-6pm

11 February Trip to **Sheffield Utd** v Swansea

20 February **Parent/HT meetings**, 4.30-6pm

w/c 27 February – **Parents' nights**

27 March **Parent/HT meetings**, 4.30-6pm

3-14 April – **Easter holidays**

## Homework routines - Spellings / English / Maths

Spellings will continue to be handed out on **Tuesdays** and tested the following Tuesday. Class teachers will send English/Maths homework home on **Monday/Tuesday**, to be completed and returned by the following **Monday**. Mr Green will also give out homework at maths club, to be returned at the following maths session (see club details on timetable overleaf).

## Reading

Thankyou so much for your support with children’s home reading. It is really starting to have a positive impact on children’s oral and written fluency, understanding and vocabulary. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to read every night - even 10 minutes, regularly, is beneficial - and remind him/her to record the date and pages read each time. Please **check and sign their Record each weekend** before returning it on Monday. Thankyou!

**What the KS2 week looks like – and what to bring to school / take home each day:**

	Mon <b>Y56 Maths club 8-8.30</b>	Tues <b>Wear PE kit to school</b>	Weds <b>Y3/4 Maths club 8-8.30</b>	Thurs <b>Y56 Maths club 8-8.30</b>	Fri <b>Wear PE kit to school</b>
<b>Children need to bring</b>	<b>Signed Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Completed homework</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Yellow Spelling book for test</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b>
9.00-10.35	Y34 English LB Y56 Maths GH Y56 SPAG GH	Y34 Maths / English LB Y56 Maths / English JN	Y34 English LB Y56 English JN	Y34 English LB Y56 English JN	Y34 English LB Y56 English JN
10.50-12.15	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Science GH	Y3456 – PE	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Maths JN	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Maths JN	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Maths JN
1.15-3.15	Y56 RE – GH Y34 RE – LB Assembly JG	Y3456 Topic (inc Art/DT) LB Singing Assembly LB	Y34 Science LB Y56 English/Maths JN Open the Book Worship	Y3456 Spanish and Computing LB English / Maths catch up / interventions JN Celebration Assembly JG	Y3456 PE JN PSHE JN Class Assembly JN
<b>Children need to take home</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Homework from class teacher</b> <b>Any letters</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Homework (if not sent on Monday)</b> <b>Yellow spelling book</b> <b>Any letters</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Any letters</b> <b>Y56 Maths club 3.15-4.15</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Any letters</b>	<b>Reading Record</b> <b>Reading book</b> <b>Any letters</b>

Please do contact us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about KS2. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you, in advance, for your support to the children, the school and all staff members this term. It is always much appreciated.

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