

# Sycamore Class Summer Newsletter – April 2023



Welcome to the Summer term! We hope you all had a restful Easter break with plenty of egg eating and relaxation! Please find below a taste of what KS2 will be enjoying this term.

**English Year 3 / 4's** first novel will be *The Night Bus Hero* by Onjali Q. Rauf. We will write a diary entry from the viewpoint of a character from our book and also study *The Highwayman* (poem) by Alfred Noyes and write our own version of it. **Year 5/6** will focus upon all aspects of grammar and reading comprehension in the next two weeks, prior to SATS, then be writing across a wide range of text types including persuasion, biography, narrative, instruction and explanation texts. We will hold another 'Golden Writing' session for parents/family members at some point this term and hope you can join us!

**Maths Y34** will concentrate on decimals, mass and capacity, time, statistics, properties of shape and position and direction. **Y56** will study 'Reasoning' (across all Maths topics) plus angles, volume, translation, co-ordinates and, post-SATs, more detailed maths investigations. Times **table fluency** remains the bedrock of most areas of maths so please do encourage your child(ren) to use TT Rockstars regularly at home.

**Topic** - We will learn about the legacy of the Roman justice system and **crime and punishment through the Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian periods**. We will also study the famous highwayman, Dick Turpin. As part of this topic, we have planned an exciting trip to York Castle Museum (see dates list below).

**Science** In Y34 we will learn about **Forces and Magnets**. We will look at contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. Y56 will study **Forces and Mechanisms** - learning about resistance, levers and pulleys as well as investigating friction and gears using their own bikes. **RE** Y34 will be looking at the question, "**What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?**" We will be discussing what Christians do at home, in church and in the wider community and why these things are important to them. Y56 will focus upon '**Green Religion**' and consider the key question '**How and why should religious communities do more to care for the Earth?**' In **PSHCE** we will cover '**Healthy me**' and '**Healthy friendships/relationships**'. **PE** will be **striking and fielding / Athletics** (on Tuesdays, taught by Total Sports) and **swimming** (Fridays). Please ensure that your child(ren) wear PE kit (*white top/red hoody/black or grey shorts/leggings and trainers*) on Tuesdays/Fridays and bring swimwear and a towel on Fridays. Children with long hair must tie it back and, if possible, wear swimming hats please, but goggles are optional. In **Spanish** we will be learning about animals, Spanish traditions and celebrations, and numbers. In **Computing** we will be learning how to code using CodeStudio.

## Dates for your diary:

Mon 1 May **Bank Holiday**  
Mon 8 May Coronation **Bank Holiday**  
Tues 16 May KS2 **trip to Castle Museum, York**  
Mon 5 June **Start of half term**  
Weds 14 June **Countryside Day**, Harrogate  
In w/c 19 June **Y56 Bikeability** – details tbc  
Mon 26 June (pm) **Y34 pedestrian training**  
Fri 30 June **Reports sent to parents**  
Weds 5 July (tbc) **Y6 Secondary Induction Day**  
Weds 12 July **KS2 SATS results** sent home  
Thurs 20 July, 2pm, VHall **Y6 Leavers' Assembly**

Fri 5 May King's **Coronation Tea party**  
Tues 9-Fri 12 May **KS2 SATS week**  
Mon 29 May-Fri 2 June **Half term holiday**  
Mon 12 June **MTC tables test day (Y4)**  
In w/c 19 June (date tbc) **Traveller Community Week**  
Fri 23 June **Sports Day** (pm)  
Mon 26-Weds 28 June **Y56 Malham Residential**  
w/c 3 July **Mrs Noble away; Mrs Holmes in Y56**  
w/c 10 July **Parent/Teacher meetings**  
Mon 17 July **Superteams sporting event**  
Fri 21 July **end of Summer term; 5pm PTA BBQ**

### 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 below).

### Reading

Thankyou so much for your continued support with children's home reading. It is having such a positive impact on children's oral and written fluency, understanding, vocabulary and – over time – their writing too. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to read as often as possible. 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>Y34 Maths club 8-8.30</b>	Thurs <b>Y56 Maths club 8-8.30</b>	Fri <b>Wear PE kit to school</b>
Children need to bring	<b>Signed</b> Reading Record Reading book Completed homework	Reading Record Reading book Yellow Spelling book for test	Reading Record Reading book	Reading Record Reading book	Reading Record Reading book
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	9-9.30 Y34 English/Maths LB 9-9.30 Y56 English/Maths JN
10.50-12.15	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Science GH	Y3456 – PE Total Sports	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Maths JN	Y34 Maths LB Y56 Maths JN	SWIMMING Total Sports
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	PSHE JN 2.40 Worship with Vicar JN
Children need to take home	Reading Record Reading book Homework from class teacher Any letters	Reading Record Reading book Homework (if not sent on Monday) Yellow spelling book Any letters	Reading Record Reading book Any letters	Reading Record Reading book Any letters <b>Y56 Maths club 3.15-4.15</b>	Reading Record Reading book Any letters

Please do contact us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about KS2. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support to the children, the school and all staff members. It is very much appreciated. Kind regards,

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