

Sycamore Group Update

Dear Parents

Happy New Year!! We would like to welcome Fikayo to our class.

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

What will we be doing in school?

What you could do together at home...

Science

As the topic this term is Countries we will be learning about the causes and effects of extreme weather conditions around the world. We will be exploring different types of weather ranging from Tornadoes to Tsunamis.

Home work will be sent home. However, you could also talk to your child about the different types of weather conditions in other countries. You could encourage your child to watch the weather forecast on television.

Literacy

We will be reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief as a class. The class will also be exploring the poems of Carol Ann Duffy. The class will be given both texts, they will use these to annotate and discuss ideas from the text. We will continue to listen to the children read and talk to them about their books.

The class will have Percy Jackson and the lightning thief and Carol Ann Duffy books with annotated notes in. The students will be taking these books home with them. It would be great if the students could read previously studied chapters and poems.

Art

As the topic this term is countries the class will be exploring the work of Jasper Johns, Frida Kahlo and David Anthony. These will be using these artists to create art based on different flags around the world.

It would be good to discuss different flags around the world. To discuss the work of the artists studied this term.

PSHE

We will be continuing our Sex and Relationships Education.

Encourage your child to talk about their lessons and answer any questions they may have.

Maths

We will be looking at number sequencing this term. The Class will be starting with basic number patterns, advancing to discovering how to calculate the nth term. We will then advance to algebra.

Homework will be sent home.

When out in public draw attention to any sequences you see.

We have attached our weekly timetable for you. Please note:



Swimming - every Monday

Cypress Group will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Please send your child into school every Monday with:

- swimming trunks
- a towel
- shower gel/shampoo/deodorant(if needed)



PE - every Friday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. Please send in deodorant as we do get very hot and sweaty. We will send the PE kit home every half-term for you to wash.

This half -term we are doing gymnastics.



Waterproof Clothing

We did ask that you send in a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat, simply because the children still love playing outside even in the rain and we cannot let them go out if they are inappropriately clothed. It also means that we can still go out for a walk in all weathers. If your child doesn't wear wellies don't worry about sending them in, perhaps a spare pair of trainers would do?

Home-School Book

We will write important messages to you regarding your child as needed. We also often write about things that your child has done well. We will also put important letters in the book.

Please read the book every day.

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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