



Sycamore Class News



Welcome to Term 2



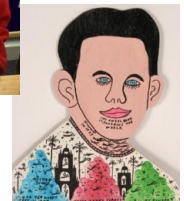
It's been lovely to welcome back all of the children with stories about trick-or-treating and fireworks this term! We've only just started back but have already got fun events and learning opportunities planned for this term including anti-bullying week and Children in Need dress up days this week (more details in 'Diary Dates').

As the weather gets colder and generally more miserable, please make sure the children have got everything they need to keep warm and dry as we like to get them outside as often as possible!

Self-portraits



We began our art topic studying the work of Howard Finster last term and this term, the children are creating self-portraits in his unique art style! We have been learning how to mix paint colours to match our face colour and we have been studying how to draw facial features in the 'Finster' style.



We are Authors

This term the children are really enjoying learning about our new class book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. Stanley is a plastic bag who finds himself in the ocean amongst all the sea creatures who inadvertently swallow him! The children have been retelling and sequencing the story before writing persuasive adverts about not dropping litter that could end up in the ocean!



We are mathematicians

The children have been working really hard on adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds from 3 digit numbers and using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to work out related facts.

Our year 6 children are moving from bigger numbers to smaller ones by looking at tenths and hundredths and how to write them as decimals and round them to the nearest whole number.

We are so impressed with how all of the children are challenging themselves in maths so far this year!



Diary Dates

Friday 14th November - Dress up as a superhero or in yellow or spots for Children in Need. Donations to www.justgiving.com/page/blackhorse-primary

Christmas in a box 19th/20th - Visitors look at the Christmas story differently with the year 3 children

Thursday 20th November - Sycamore Class library visit to Emersons Green library.

Friday 28th November - INSET day.

Thursday 4th December - Sycamore Year 4 children to visit the Museum of Taunton with their mainstream class. **Arrival in school 7:50 for an 8:00 coach journey!**

Monday 8th - Friday 12th December - Sycamore Year 6 children swimming with their mainstream class.

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas lunch

Tuesday 16th December @ 2:45 - parents invited to attend Sycamore Class recorded Christmas performance.



It's beginning to look a lot like



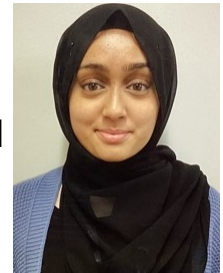
Although it pains us to say it, Christmas is just around the corner and we're hoping to put together another Sycamore Christmas special for parents to watch! Following on from last year's Supertato extravaganza, we will be recording a Christmas play

scene by scene over the next few weeks and would love you to join us for its 'premiere' on Tuesday 16th December at 2:45. More details to follow nearer the time.



Welcome Miss Akthar

The children may have already told you that there has been a new face in Resource Base since half term! Miss Akthar has joined us and will be working in Sycamore and Cherry Class. She is building lovely relationships with the children already and becoming familiar with all of our routines.



Sycamore Team

Children will work with all adults in Sycamore class throughout the day.

Class Teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays – Mrs Reilly

Class Teacher on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – Mrs Lynam

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Weds - Thurs – Mrs Fry

Teaching Assistants– Mrs Ashwin, Mrs Breddy, Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs Morgan and Miss Akthar

Health Care Assistant – Miss Akthar until Mrs Mills takes over in December

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Warner will still be supporting in Sycamore on odd