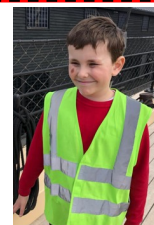


Sycamore Class News

Term 5 fun!



Welcome to term 5 and what a start we've had! Our year 5 children enjoyed a trip to the SS Great Britain on their very first day back. They loved getting on board the ship and finding out what life would have been like on a long voyage.



We were all very excited (staff included) to find out last week that we had a celebrity visitor coming to school. Andy from Andy and the Odd Socks and Andy and the Dinosaurs, gave us a surprise visit, which the children all loved!



Some of the children also got to take part in a cricket festival this week and played brilliantly. They were great sports and we are very proud of how they behaved as well as how they played.



Life skills

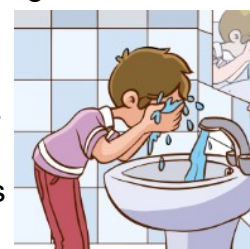


As part of our afternoon curriculum for terms 5 and 6, we will be supporting the children with life skills including self-care, healthy living and safety in the community. We may be asking you to send in items from home like toothbrushes, hair brushes and face cloths so please look out for Dojo posts and emails!

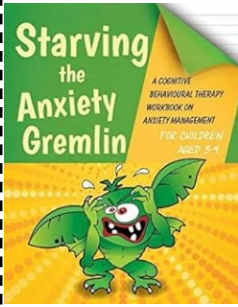


We're also hoping to take our learning out into the community by supporting the children in crossing roads, going to a shop to buy something and even catching a bus. We will update you on when these trips will be happening and will prepare the children for them as well.

If any of you know any dentists, nurses or doctors who might be happy to come and talk to the class, please let Mrs Lynam know.



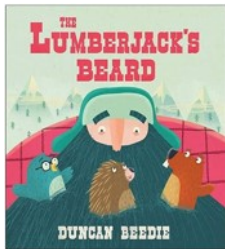
Well-being and growth mindset



As well as supporting the children to look after themselves physically, we are supporting them to take care of their mental health through regulating their emotions and maintaining a positive mindset.

All of the children are learning about the Zones of Regulation where they can identify which 'zone' they are in according to how they are feeling. We have also begun identifying when we feel anxious using the intervention 'Starving the Anxiety Gremlin' to support the children to manage their worries.

We are authors



In author lessons at the moment, we are really enjoying 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers, where a boy gets lost on the moon and needs an alien's help to get home. Some of our children are also reading 'The Lumberjack's Beard' by Duncan Beedie, which involves an unlikely home

for some forest animals and we are being inspired by 'Joan Proctor, dragon doctor' by Patricia Valdez, the true story of the first female to run the reptile house at London zoo.

We have been so pleased to see that some of the children have been reading at home! Every time we spot that they have read in their reading records, we have been rewarding them with stickers which is a great incentive for them.



Summer is coming!

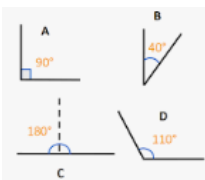
As the weather heats up please don't forget to apply sun cream before school and provide a sun hat for your child to wear at break and lunch time.



SATs

We are really proud of our year 6 children across all areas of their learning as they prepare for SATs in week 4 of this term. They have been studying really hard and we know they will do their best!

We are mathematicians



The children are continuing to impress us with their maths skills and will be covering new learning this term. Our year 5 children will be learning about angles within shapes as well as symmetry. Our year 4 children will be looking at fractions and our year 3 children will be learning about how to measure length and mass.

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Sycamore Team

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

Class Teacher on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – Mrs Lynam

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Cover on Mondays - Mrs Warner

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Cover Wednesdays – Mrs Fry

Teaching Assistants– Mrs Ashwin, Mrs Breddy, Miss FitzGerald, Mr Williams,

Health Care Assistant– Mrs Morgan