

Sycamore Class News

Happy Birthday Blackhorse!

Welcome to term 4! We started the term with our Blackhorse birthday celebrations last week. The new school building has been open 20 years! The children have really enjoyed looking at the history of the school alongside their own personal histories. Thank you to all of you for sending in baby photos. The children had such a lovely time trying to guess who was who and then ordering all of their birthdays on a timeline.



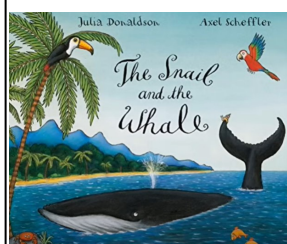
Other birthday activities involved interviewing our school caretaker, Donna, about what she remembered about the day the new school building opened, and looking at the Blackhorse logo through the years. All of the children created their own logo in a pop art style following our art lessons on Roy Lichtenstein. The children's work is on display near the front entrance so have a look when you can.

The Leaf Literature Festival



Our author lessons for the next few weeks are linking to the Leaf Literature Festival which is being celebrated across all schools in the trust.

As part of the festival, we will be writing a story on bravery to be included in a book which every class in Blackhorse and Emersons Green school will be contributing to. We are basing our bravery story on 'The Snail and the Whale' and every child's ideas will be included.



We will also be inviting the children to dress up for world book day on Thursday 6th March, seeing a visiting author, learning poems off by heart, and entering a competition to design a book cover for the bravery book mentioned above!



Dates for your diaries

There are lots of dates to make a note of this term:

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day, dress up as a character from a book if you want to.

Wednesday 12th March— exclusive Sycamore Class visit to view the construction of a new bridge over the motorway, a must for all fans of big machinery!

Tuesday 18th March—Sycamore Class trip to Emersons Green Library.

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March after school—parents' evening.

Thursday 3rd April—Year 3 trip to the Roman Baths in Bath.

Tuesday 22nd April (first day back in term 5) - year 5 trip to the SS Great Britain.

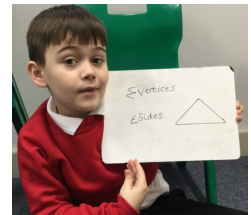
We are mathematicians

This term we are continuing to develop our knowledge and understanding of maths through fluency practice and learning new concepts.

Our year 6 pupils are continuing to prepare for their SATs and are working on complex areas like fractions and percentages.



Our year 5 children have been learning about length and are moving on to money and time. Our year 4 children will also be moving onto learning about time and money and our year 3 children are learning and about shape.



Enrichment is back



We are all delighted that Friday afternoon enrichment opportunities are starting again this term!

This is where we learn alongside our peers in the rest of the school to gain skills in areas as varied as dance to gardening to making pop-ups.

The children have all made their choices for what they are going to do, and we are all looking forward to joining them to learn new skills.



Reading at home



Some of you were able to attend our phonics and reading workshop in January which I followed up with a hand out on how you can support your child at home.

It can be really difficult to encourage your child to read at home, but I am incentivising it with the children by promising stickers for their reward chart every time they can prove they have read at home!

If you read with your child at home, please just make a note in their reading record and they will receive a sticker. Thank you for your support.

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