



# Sycamore Class News



## Happy New Year!



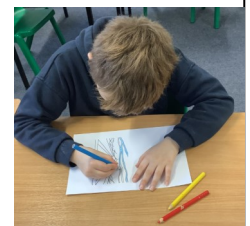
Welcome back to school in 2025! We hope that all of you had a lovely Christmas break and all of the children have returned in great spirits in spite of the cold and the dark! We finished last term with Christmas fun and a trip to the Roman Baths for our year 4 children. We were so proud of how well they behaved and engaged with the learning and thank you, Sam, for helping on the trip.

This term, our year 6 children are going swimming each week and have already enjoyed their first session. They will also be visiting the Create Centre in February to attend a 'Life Skills' session.



## Enquiry

We are being scientist AND artists this term in Sycamore Class. Our Science focus is 'Forces'. We will be learning that forces are pushes, pulls or twists and understanding that magnets can attract or repel. We will also be conducting an experiment into friction. The children started exploring forces with cars and magnets this week.



In our art lessons we will be exploring the art of Roy Lichtenstein, noticing how he used primary colours, dots and stripes on his art work and creating our own 'pop art' pieces.



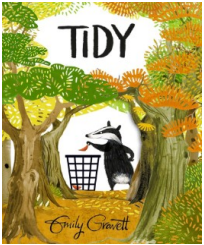
## Date for your diary!

You may have seen on Class Dojo that you are invited to a parent information meeting on reading and phonics on **Tuesday, 21st January from 2:30**. At 3:00, you can join your children in Sycamore Class for our class story which we enjoy before home time every day!

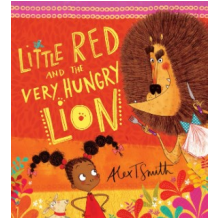


## We are authors

Our children are all enjoying the books we have started looking at this term! Year 5 and 6 are reading 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton about a rock in the ocean that comes to life. We will be moving on from this story to look at a non-fiction book about sea creatures.



Our Year 4 children are enjoying 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion' by Alex T Smith, a different take on the classic story 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They love the humour in the story and how 'Little Red' gets the better of the lion!



Our year 3 children are reading the book 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett about a badger with a cleaning obsession.

## We are mathematicians



This term our budding mathematicians are all learning about different areas! Our year 3 students are looking at multiplication and division whereas our year 4 children are adding and subtracting bigger numbers. In year 5, we are becoming experts on shape and area and our year 6 children are working hard to prepare for SATs. We are continuing to work on our maths fluency by practising times tables and number facts each week.



### Musicians

Our year 5 children are getting the opportunity to play instruments this term including the recorder! All of the staff in Sycamore Class have recently had training in how to teach the recorder and we are excited about teaching all year groups throughout the year.



### PE



The children have started a gymnastics unit on Wednesday mornings this term and will be learning to put together a routine of balances. Our Year 5 children will also be learning PE with their inclusion class on Wednesday afternoons and our year 6 children will be doing PE with their inclusion class on Tuesday afternoons.

## 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