

Sycamore Class News



What a start to term 2!



We have come back to school with a bang this term with some great whole school and Sycamore Class events.

We had a trip to Emerson's Green library during our first week back with everyone managing the walk there and back and choosing a library book to bring back to school.

We have learnt about Armistice Day and created our own poppy paintings to mark the event.

We have all embraced the anti-bullying week theme of 'Choose Respect' and we were very proud of Vienna taking part in an assembly as our deputy mission master on 'Odd Socks' day.

To mark Children in Need, we were really lucky to have a visit from Pudsey the bear courtesy of Noah's dad. The children all managed to contain their excitement (just!) and came up with some brilliant questions to ask Pudsey.

We finished week 2 by wearing non-uniform and bringing in a donation for Children in Need.

All of the staff in Sycamore Class are extremely proud of the children for managing so well with this level of excitement!



Shhhh! it's nearly Christmas!

I'm sorry to bring it up in mid-November but the festive season will soon be upon us!

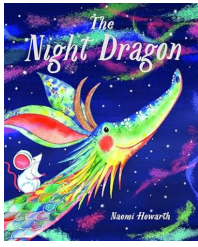
We are planning on putting together a unique 'Sycamore Class' Christmas play which will be pre-recorded along with a Christmas song we will be learning. You are all invited to the premiere of this future Oscar-winning production straight after school on Friday 13th December. Black tie and sparkly dresses are optional.



There will also be Christmas dinner on 11th December and our class Christmas party in the last week of term. We will keep you informed of any other whole school Christmas events as December approaches.



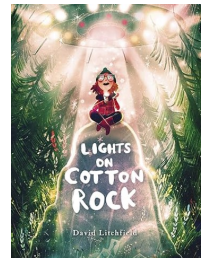
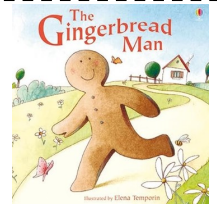
We are authors



We are currently basing our writing on 3 different books this term. Our year 3 children are looking at the classic story of 'The Gingerbread Man' re-telling the story, looking at the characters and finishing off by making gingerbread!

Our year 4 children are studying 'The Night Dragon' about Maud who doesn't feel brave enough to become a night dragon until her mouse friend persuades her to.

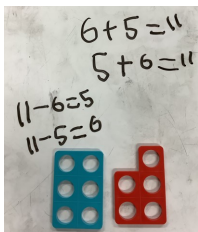
Finally, our year 5 and 6 children are really enjoying 'Lights on Cotton Rock' about a girl's encounter with an alien.



We are mathematicians

This term we are building on our secure place value knowledge from last term to complete calculations using all four operations.

We are looking at the links between adding and subtracting and learning that we can work out several similar calculations from just one number fact.



Our year 5 children are using formal written methods to add and subtract 4 digit numbers and our year 6 children are making calculations involving fractions. We are all really impressed with the children's positive 'can-do' attitude towards maths.

Enquiry

The children have really been enjoying our geography focus so far this year, particularly learning about the different point of the compass. We will be linking geography to Christmas this term by finding out more about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.



Gardening

We are really lucky to be continuing to have a weekly session in our Blackhorse garden this term.

The children have really enjoyed helping Mr Evans harvest sweetcorn and plant seeds as well as picking last season's apples and pears!



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