

Sycamore Class
Autumn Term 2025

Welcome back! We hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Year 3.

Who is Who?

I am Mrs Merrick and I will be your class teacher. I will be in teaching you Monday to Thursday. We are very lucky to have the fantastic Mrs Dunn teaching on Tuesday afternoons and all day on Fridays. The wonderful Mrs Flagg will be with us on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We are very lucky to be joined by a new member of staff, Mr Onakoya, who will be with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Look out for information about our upcoming Curriculum Evening where we will invite parents to come into school to learn a little bit more about the year ahead. But for now, there is a brief outline of what we will be learning about in the Autumn Term.

English

To begin with, we are going to spend time focusing on handwriting, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We will cover all the key skills needed to become fantastic year three writers. We will then have a go at creating our own riddles, writing historical stories and constructing Calligram Poems.

Reading

In Guided Reading lessons, we will be continue to explore texts using our VIPERS skills (Vocabulary, Inference, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise and Sequence) New reading books will be coming home on Fridays each week. Remember, we would like you to read each book four times. Every time you read at home, you will be given a raffle ticket. At the end of the half term, lucky winners will be picked to win a special treat! Get Reading!

Maths

We will begin our Maths unit by looking at place value of numbers up to 1000 before moving onto addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers. In the second half of the term, we will look at multiplication and division and identify the correct operation to solve problems and efficient methods when multiplying or dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will continue to revisit previous learning in our daily Maths Meetings. You will be receiving your logins for TimesTable Rockstars so you can get practising!

Science

We will be learning about the different types of rocks and understanding how fossils are formed. The children will work scientifically by: observing, identifying key features, classifying and performing experiments. In the second half of the term, we will learn about animals including humans by exploring: nutrition, food labels, skeletons and muscles.

RE

We will be considering the question, "What do Christians learn from the Creation story?" by exploring the book of Genesis, the Ten Commandments and learning how Christians receive forgiveness and act. In the second term we will look closely at how Christians follow God by exploring the covenant he made with Noah and Abraham. We will understand how the Old Testament helps Christians make a difference in the world today.

Geography

In the first half of the term, the children will learn about countries, cities and counties in the U.K. They will also learn about National Parks around the U.K and how best to preserve and respect them, including a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum.

History

In the second half of the term, the children will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will also have a Stone Age workshop during this term where the children will have a first-hand experience of what life was like during this period of history.

Computing

In computing we will be covering internet safety and 'What is a network' focusing on how a website works and the journey of a file.

French

The children will begin to learn French and will be taught how to greet others and say goodbye. They will also learn how to count to 10 and describe what they are wearing.

Art

We will be exploring drawing and painting looking at work from Leonardo De Vinci and Margaret Godfrey.

Music

In the first half of the term, the children will compose and improvise their own music based on 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. In the second half of the term, the children will learn how to play the notes C, D and E on the Glockenspiel.

PE

PE this term will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your child must have a fully named PE kit in school every week.

PSHE and Circle Time

We will be thinking about how and why we should value difference and be our best.

Our Class Novels will be The Boy Who Grew Dragons and The Boy with the Bronze Axe. These stories will be read at the end of each day and some of the theme explore in our P4C lessons each week.