

Sycamore Class

April-May 2022



GET READY TO:
LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **GROW**
laugh **SMILE**
IMPROVE **SHARE**
try write **CONNECT**
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**

Our learning in Summer One:

This half term, our main topic is a geography unit based on **Coasts**. During this unit, we will cover the following areas:

- Naming the 5 oceans and the seas surrounding the United Kingdom
- What is a coast?
- How are coasts formed?
- Human and physical features at the coast
- How do humans effect the coastal environment?
- Ocean pollution

English:

Our focus genre for this half term is building suspense. We will be writing a finding story based on the model 'Adventure at Sandy Cove'.

Following our trip to Lea Green, we will be writing a recount text.

Our class book will be 'The girl who stole an elephant' by Nizrana Farook



Maths:

Our focus will be decimals, position and direction and angles. We will cover:

- Recognising tenths and hundredths
- Dividing by 10 and 100
- Writing decimals
- Making one whole
- Ordering and rounding decimals
- Coordinates
- Identifying, comparing and ordering angles

Children are expected to know their times tables, up to 12 x 12, by the end of year 4.

Children will continue to progress through the times table challenge with a test each Friday on the individual table being learnt. The first times table test will be Friday 29th April. Further details can be found on the class page of the website.

Times tables will be a focus for Summer 1 and I would appreciate any additional support from home to ensure children are secure with their times table facts.

Other curriculum areas include:

- PE – Swimming (Monday) and Ultimate Frisbee (Tuesdays)
- Music – Brass lessons will continue on Tuesday afternoons
- PSHE – One World
- RE – What religions say about right and wrong.
- French –taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan)
- Computing – Programming 2
- Science – Electricity

Supporting learning at home:

- **Spellings:** Spellings will be taught in school and lists will not be sent home to learn.
- **Reading:** Every child needs to read every day; including weekends. In this class, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes and talk to an adult about what they have read. Children will be given a reading journal to record their reading which will be checked every **Monday**.
- **Times Tables:** Children will work on our times table challenge with a test on their individual focus table on a **Friday**.
- **Homework:** Children will be set weekly homework on a Wednesday which will be due back the following Monday. It will follow this **Wednesday-Monday** pattern throughout the year. You may support your child in tasks but please ensure if they are struggling that they know they can ask me for help.

Useful information:

Coats: Although we are hoping for some summer sunshine, the weather in Britain is very changeable so please make sure your child continues to bring a coat. A sunhat and sun cream will also be required during this term. Please also ensure that EVERYTHING is named! If it isn't, we cannot return it.

PE:

Swimming – Children will go to Ripley Leisure Centre on a Monday each week this term for swimming lessons. Please come to school with costumes under uniforms and ensure a small bag with a towel and underwear is brought in.

Ultimate Frisbee – On a Tuesday morning, we will go to the park for an ultimate frisbee session. Please come to school dressed in sportswear, children will remain in these clothes for the rest of the school day. Please also bring in a named water bottle.

Dates for the diary:

2nd May – Bank Holiday Monday

4th-5th May – Lea Green residential trip

13th May – Class Photograph

27th May – Break up for half term

6th June – INSET day

7th June – Children return to school

6th – 24th June – Y4 Multiplication test will be carried out during this time.

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell me, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@litleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471) I will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,



Mrs. K. Gardiner.