

Sycamore Class

March 2021



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 Spring Two:

This half term, our main topic is based around English and Art. We will also be recapping and further extending our knowledge of the Vikings studied last year. Our focus is on 'dragons' and will cover:

- 3D forms: papier-mâché and marbling inks; clay
- Drawing – eyes
- Vikings – the end of the Viking era in Britain and the battle of 1066
- Breaking News Report – Dragons sighted
- Non-Chronological Report – a new species identified
- Spine poetry

Our class book will be 'The boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd



Maths:

Our focus for this term will be fractions. We will cover:

- What is a fraction? Unit and non-unit fractions
- Tenths
- Equivalent fractions
- Fractions greater than 1
- Adding and Subtracting fractions
- Fractions of a set of objects
- Calculate fractions of a quantity
- Problem solving

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. They will need to know multiplication and division facts and be able to complete 39 or 40 questions within 4 minutes to progress to the next stage. The first times table test will be Friday 4th March. Further details can be found on the class page of the website.

Other curriculum areas include:

- PE – Gymnastics (Mr Singh)/ Fitness (Mrs Gardiner)
- Music – Brass lessons will continue on Tuesday afternoons
- PSHE – Digital Wellbeing
- RE - Why are festivals important? (Easter and Ramadan focus)
- French – children will be taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan) on a Monday afternoon.
- Computing – Photo editing
- Science – STEM challenge (Week beginning 14th March)

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: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside! Also ensure that EVERYTHING is named! If it isn't, we cannot return it.

PE: On our PE days, children will need to come dressed in their PE kit. They will remain in these clothes for the rest of the school day. Please also make sure that your child has a named water bottle. In Spring One, we will have PE on a **Thursday** and a **Friday**.

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 Gardiner.