



*'Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe - 'To believe, achieve, succeed together.'*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **SYCAMORE CLASS LETTER AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have settled back into the classroom and the routine of school brilliantly. This newsletter, along with the attached Class Autumn Overview, will give you an outline of some of the things that will be happening in Sycamore Class this term. Our topic is '**Through the ages**' with a History focus. The children will learn about the prehistoric periods of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

#### **Reading and Talking**

This term we will be using lots of back-and-forth talk to develop language comprehension. A language-rich environment will be encouraged throughout each day to develop the children's skills of conversation and discussion as well as develop their understanding of vocabulary. All children will also take part in daily guided reading sessions to develop individual reading fluency and comprehension. Please try to spend time each evening reading with your child and talking about what has been read.

#### **Mindfulness**

We will continue with our start of the day mindfulness routine to enable the children to relate their feelings into our Zone of Regulation Station. This truly supports the adults in class recognising and addressing any worries that a child may have at the beginning of their school day. To keep our bodies physical as well as our minds, we also have frequent brain breaks both inside and outside of the classroom.

#### **PE**

We will have two PE sessions every week. The first session will be on a Tuesday afternoon with S4A and the second session will be on a Friday afternoon with myself. **Children need to have a full PE kit in school at all times.** Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.

#### **PPA**

Mrs Stapleton and Mrs Wilmot will be teaching PSHE to the class every Tuesday afternoon, along with S4A. Mrs Smith will also be teaching the class for one morning every term.

#### **Homework**

Weekly homework tasks will be set every Friday on EdShed and should be completed by the following Thursday. All other homework tasks will be sent home on class homework grids, linked to our learning in class this term. These are to be shared as part of our next Gallery Day which will be before the end of Term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my class email, [sycamoreclass@croughtonschool.co.uk](mailto:sycamoreclass@croughtonschool.co.uk) and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Hassan