



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

Friday 9th January 2026

SYCAMORE CLASS LETTER – SPRING TERM 2026

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful Christmas break. This letter, along with the attached Class Spring Overview, will give you an outline of some of the things that will be happening in Sycamore Class this term. Our topic is '**Rocks, Relics and Rumbles**' with a focus predominantly on Geography. The children will learn about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.

Reading and Talking

As before, we will promote the development of language comprehension through back-and-forth talk throughout the school day, as well as encouraging a language-rich environment to develop their understanding of vocabulary, and conversation and discussion skills. All children will take part in daily Guided Reading sessions to develop individual reading fluency and comprehension. It is appreciated if you could spend time each evening reading with your child, talking about what has been read, and making a record of it in their Reading Record book and Reading Passport. Regular reading has a significant impact on children's reading and comprehension progress. Our new class read will be The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman, if you would like to purchase a copy for them to read-along with in class.

MTC – Multiplication Tables Check

In June, all Year 4 children will take part in the national MTC. This checks whether children can fluently recall their times tables. We practice these in class regularly and it is part of the weekly EdShed homework. Your support in helping your child to practice their tables is appreciated.

Emotional Wellbeing and Mindfulness

We will continue with our Zones of Regulation lessons using the digital curriculum each fortnight, helping children to develop their emotional agency. To keep our bodies healthy as well as our minds, we will also have frequent brain breaks, both inside and outside of the classroom, and mindfulness activities in class.

PE

We will continue to have two PE sessions every week. The first session will be on a Tuesday afternoon with Ms England and the second session will be on a Wednesday morning with myself and Ms Denton.

Children must always have a full PE kit in school as it is part of our school uniform. PE kit does not need to be taken home after each session. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.

PPA

Mrs Hankins and Ms Denton will be teaching PSHE to the class every Tuesday afternoon. Ms Sharman will also continue to teach Music to Sycamore class every Thursday afternoon.

Homework

As before, EdShed homework tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. All other homework tasks will be sent home on the separate Class Homework Grids, linked to our learning in class this term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the class email

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Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Ms Hassan