

Sycamore Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back year 4, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.



English: We will be starting the term off by looking at Usain Bolt's biography. The children will be writing their own autobiography and they will be asked to collect pictures and information for homework. We will also be writing autumn poetry and fiction based on Lauren Carlin's *The Promise* and Catherine Lawrence's *Thieves of Ostia* series.

Maths: We will be using our multiplication and division facts to find different fractions of numbers so the children will need to be secure on their times tables facts up to the 12 x table. Our weekly multiplication test is on Mondays.

Practical activities to do at home: Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible. It would be great if they could get involved in shopping by working out totals and change.

Topic: The first half term is Geography, we will be learning about the settlements, looking at natural resources and different types of settlements. We will go out on a field trip to note the natural resources and facilities Datchet has to offer.

After Christmas, we will be studying the Romans for our History topic and will be having a themed Roman day where year 4 dress as Romans for the day!

Science: We will be looking at states of matter, liquids, gases and solids looking at the behavior and changes of states; freezing, melting and evaporation. After half term we will be studying electricity and making circuits.

RE: The first half of the half term we will look at Sikhism and the importance of the 5 k. After half term, we will be studying the Christian symbolism in the Christmas.

Cold weather: Please ensure your child brings a coat everyday as the weather gets colder and for outside P.E they can wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.

We will be taking part in the daily mile once a day so please ensure your child brings a water bottle and wears sensible shoes. The children are not expected to change for this, we jog around the field or playground for 10 minutes a day. If your child does not want to run, they can choose to walk.



Upcoming Events

PE this term is on Wednesday and Friday.

Library: Friday

Homework:

Spellings are set on Thursday and tested on Thursday

Daily reading- please record in your child's reading record daily.

Your child is expected to read using Big club at least once a week- please record in the reading record.

English homework is set on Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Math's homework is set on Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Doodle maths: daily practice is encouraged.