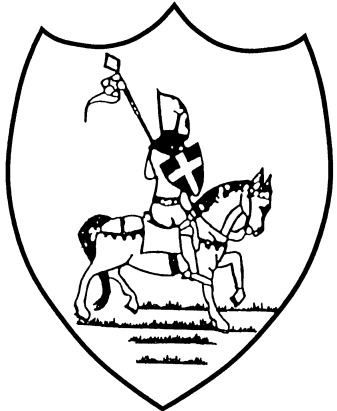


Sycamore Class Parent Information Meeting



Teaching staff:

Ms. Challinor

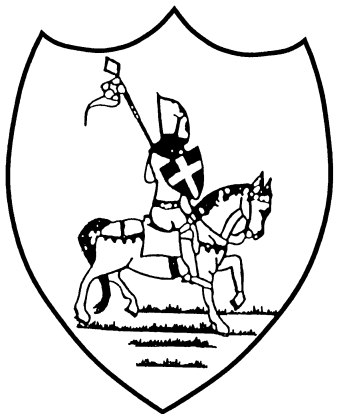
Support Staff: every morning - Mrs Cotton

Tuesday afternoon -

Wednesday afternoon - Miss. Robertson

What do children need every day?

- Correct uniform
- Suitable school bag
- Coat
- Water bottle for classroom
- Reading journal and reading book
- PE Kit on their peg



Timetable



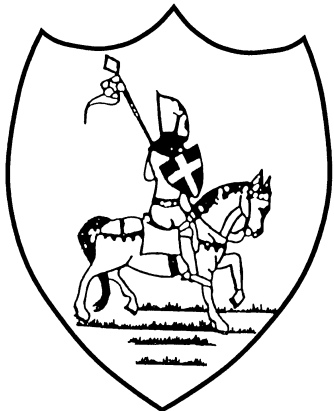
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Sycamore – Autumn Timetable 2023

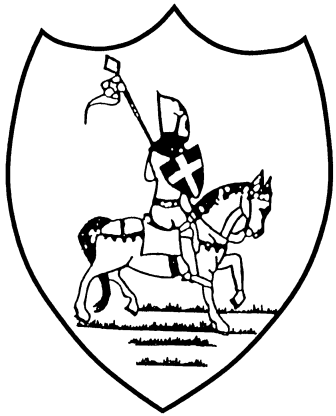
Day	8.45 - 9.00	9.00 - 9.30	9:30 - 10.30	10.30 - 10.45	10.45 - 11.45	11.45 - 12.15	12.15 - 1.15	1.15 - 2.15	2.15 - 3.15	3.15 - 3.30
Monday	Register GPVS	Assembly	English	B R E A K	Maths	PSHE	L U N C H	Library	Science	
Tuesday	Register GPVS	GPVS	English		Maths	PSHE		Music PPA	MFL PPA	Story MW/ZP
Wednesday	Register GPVS	Time to Talk	English		Maths	Spelling		RE	PE Outdoor	Story
Thursday	Register GPVS	Mini-Write	English		Maths	Arithmetic		Topic Art/DT/Geography/history		Story
Friday	Register GPVS	Assembly	Shared Reading		Maths Fluency	Spelling		Computing	PE Indoor	Story

Be the best that you can be



P.E.

PE Days are Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)



ALL Children **MUST** have the correct kit:

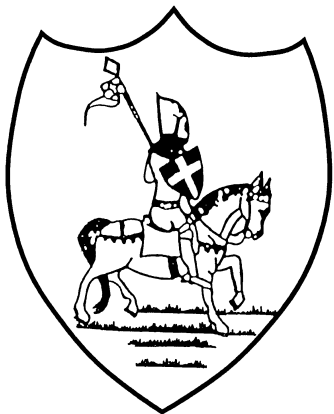
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts/joggers
- Black hoodie
- Suitable trainers - must be a change of shoes

All kit to be kept in a separate bag which stays in school all half term.

If children do after school clubs they will need separate kit for this which they can then go home in.

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Provider	Cost	Time
Monday	Taekwondo	Neil	£3.50 a week	3:30-4:30
Tuesday	Girl/Boys Football	Kev and Kev	Free	3:30-4:30
	Games Club	Ms Pollard	Free	3:30-4:30
Wednesday	Forest School	Mrs Collier	Free	3:30-4.30
Thursday	Dance	Ascension Dance	£3.50 a week	3:30-4:30
	Knit and Natter		Free	
Friday	Homework club	Mrs Walters	Free	3:30-4:30



All clubs 12 weeks this term until 11th December

Homework

Every week:

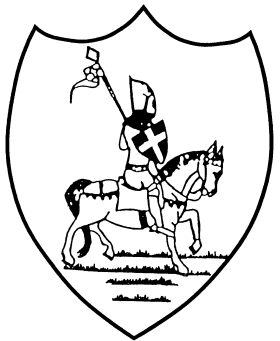
Reading - children should aim to read at home for approximately 30 minutes every day. They should record the reading (eg book title/page numbers completed) in their journal.

Maths - TT Rockstars, Prodigy or a work sheet/task - Friday

Spelling - Games on spelling shed to practice weekly spellings - Friday

Termly 'I Choose' homework - grid of activities linked to English text and Topic. Children choose at least 6 activities and complete these over the term. To be completed in homework book.

Children present their homework to the class at the end of every term in a "show and tell" presentation session.



School Values

Friendship

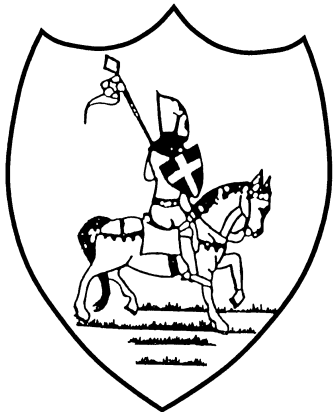
Respect

Integrity

Equality

Nurture

Determination



English

Autumn 1

Stimulus - Firework Maker's Daughter

Writing: Advert

Missing Person's Report

Emotive letter

Autumn 2

Stimulus - The Tempest by William Shakespeare

A Christmas advert

Writing: Setting description

Narrative and dialogue

Grammar: Expanded noun phrases

Adverbial and prepositional phrases

Subordinate clauses

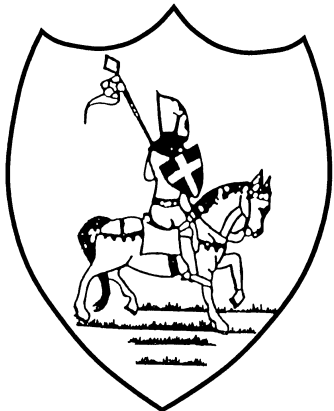
Direct speech

Parenthesis

Synonyms

Proper nouns

Figurative language

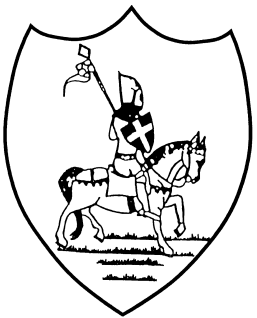


How to help your child with Reading

- Listening to your child read can take many forms.
- First and foremost, focus developing an enjoyment and love of reading.
- Enjoy stories together – reading stories to your child is equally as important as listening to your child read.
- Read a little at a time but often!
- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards – discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.
- Look up definitions of words together – you could use a dictionary, the internet or an app on a phone or tablet.

All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides.

Visit the local library - it's free!



Accelerated Reader

Home Connect

Sign up to home connect to keep connected with how much your child is reading and how they are doing on their AR quizzes. You will get a report sent to your email every time a quiz is taken.

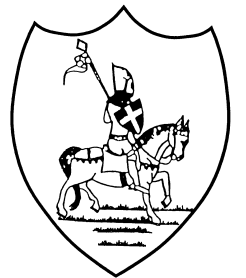
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We will be running competitions this year to encourage children to push themselves in their independent reading.

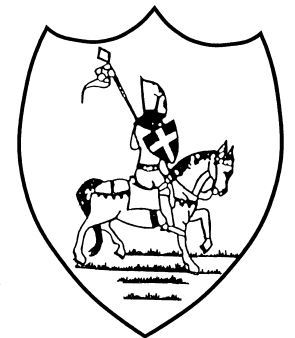
How to help your child with Writing

- Practise and learn weekly spelling lists – make it fun! Here are some ideas:
 - Write each letter in a different colour pen
 - Write the word with your finger on someone's back or write it/make it out of something creative
 - Create mnemonics to help remember how to spell tricky words
 - Look, say, cover, write, check
- Encourage opportunities for writing such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or poems.
- Write together – be a good role model for writing.
- Encourage use of a dictionary to check spelling and a thesaurus to find synonyms and expand vocabulary.
- Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors without lots of crossing out.
- Remember that good readers become good writers!
- Show your appreciation: praise and encourage, even for small successes!



Science

Science Year 5	Earth and Space - movement of the earth; movement of the moon; night and day.	Properties and changes of materials - compare based on properties - soluble, transparency, conductivity, magnetism; dissolving, solutions, mixtures, reversible and irreversible changes.	Forces and magnets - gravity; air resistance; water resistance; friction; mechanisms, levers, pulleys and gears.	Forces and magnets - gravity; air resistance; water resistance; friction; mechanisms, levers, pulleys and gears.	Living things and habitats - life cycles of mammal, amphibian, insect and bird; reproduction in plants and animals.	Animals including humans - changes in old age.
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Topic - Greek is the Word

Week	Subject	Learning
1	History	Place historical events and figures on a timeline, dividing it into BC and AD
2	Geography	Identify human and physical features of Ancient Greece
3	History	To know the Greek alphabet and know some Greek traditions and customs
4	History	Research and create a class factfile on Ancient Greek Gods.
5	History	To find out about the Ancient Olympic games and to know the legacy left by the Ancient Greeks
6	History	To compare the Spartans and the Athenian civilisations
7	History	To compare the Spartans and the Athenian civilisations
8	Art	To recognise Greek designed pots and replicate techniques - design
9	Art	To recognise Greek designed pots and replicate techniques - create
10	Art	To recognise Greek designed pots and replicate techniques - decorate
11	History	Identify some of the key historical figures of the time and the legacy they left behind.

Useful Websites



www.spellingshed.com

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



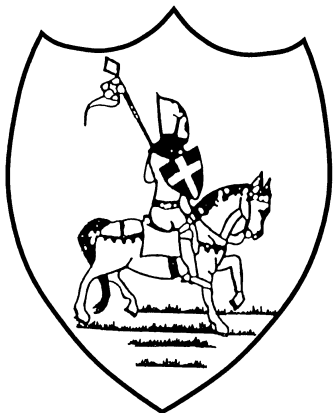
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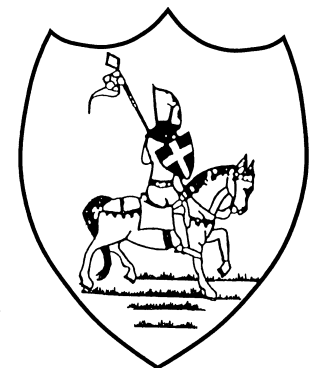
<https://readtheory.org>

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Key Dates

- 29.9.23 MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 2.10.23 Black History week
- 9.10.23 Parents Online Safety & Snacks Workshop
- 24.10.23 Parents Maths and Munchies Workshop
- 28.10.23 Half term school closed
- 6.11.23 School reopens
- 11.11.23 Remembrance day
- 23.11.23 Individual and sibling photographs
- 6.12.23 Whole School Consultation
- 7.12.23 Sycamore Parent consultations (details to follow)
- 8.12.23 Christmas Fayre
- 21.12.23 Christmas around the Tree
- 23.12.23 Christmas holidays school closes
- 10.1.24 School reopens for children





INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**.
Hosted by WestMidlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*



To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above.



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Make, draw or paint an Ancient Greek style pot.	Research and design your own Ancient Greek mask.	Create your own top 10 facts about Ancient Greeks.	Draw the Parthenon.
Write a poem about the Ancient Greeks.	Read a myth and legend. Write a summary of it.	Create a comic strip of a Greek myth.	Write a diary entry for an original Olympic athlete.
Make a quiz about the Ancient Greek Olympic games.	Find out about Ancient Greek Battles. Write about one.	Create a factfile for a Greek god or goddess.	Find out the Ancient Greek alphabet - write your name.