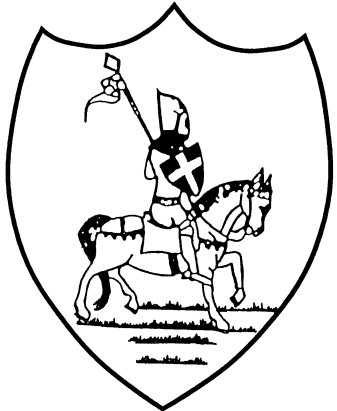


Sycamore Class Parent Information Meeting



Teaching staff:

Ms. Challinor

Support Staff: every morning - Mrs Cotton

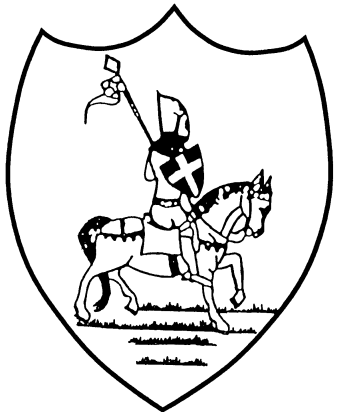
Every morning - Mrs Hickton

Every afternoon - Mrs Grant

Mrs Chowdhrey

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



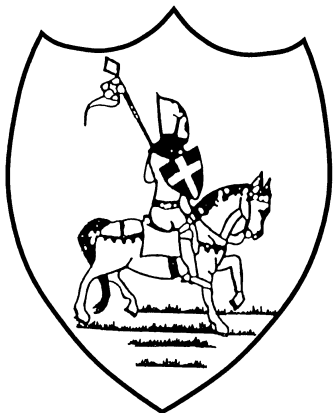
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Sycamore – Autumn Timetable 2024

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 Maths Fluency	Assembly	English	B R E A K	Maths	Library	L U N C H	History/Geography	PE Indoor	Story
Tuesday	Register Maths Fluency	Reading Fluency	English		Maths	Mini-Write		Music PPA	MFL PPA	Story AMC
Wednesday	Register Maths Fluency	Reading Fluency	English		Maths	Active Arithmetic		Science		Story
Thursday	Register Maths Fluency	Reading Fluency	English		Maths	PSHE		RE	Art/DT	Story
Friday	Register Maths Fluency	Assembly	Spelling and handwriting		Maths Fluency	PSHE		Computing	PE Outdoor	Think

Be the best that you can be



P.E.

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

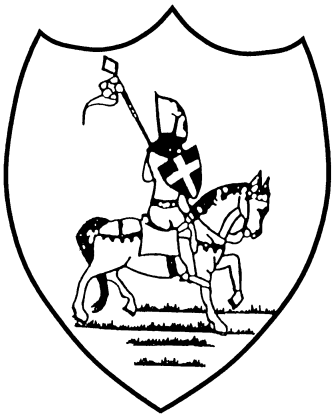
ALL Children **MUST** have the correct kit:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts/joggers
- Black sweatshirt, hoodie or zip up
- 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.

If earrings are worn please ensure that they can be removed easily by the children or they come without any on their P.E. days.



After School Clubs

Autumn Term 2024 Extra-curricular Clubs Offer

Day	Club	Provider	Children eligible	Time	Number of weeks running	Cost	Spaces
Monday	Robotics	School	UKS2 by invitation	3-4:30 at King Henry's		Free	
Tuesday	Girls football	School	Years 5 and 6	3:30-4:30	11	Free	15
Tuesday	Boys football	School	Years 5 and 6	3:30-4:30	11	Free	15
Tuesday	Lego Club	School	Years 1 and 2	3:30-4:30	11	Free	15
Wednesday	Football	Sky Blues in the Community	Years 2, 3, 4 Boys and girls	3:30-4:30	12	£3.50 a week Payment of £42	15
Wednesday	Diamond Art Club	School	Years 3,4 and 5	3:30-4:30	11	Free	10
Thursday	<u>BilinguaSing</u>	<u>Mrs Ellefredt</u>	Years 1, 2	3:30-4:15	11	£3.50 a week Payment of £38.50	10
Thursday	Dance	Ascension	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	3:30-4:30	11	£3.50 a week Payment of £38.50	15
Thursday	Knit and Natter	School	KS2 by invitation only	3:30-4:30	11	Free	6
Friday	Homework Club	School	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3:30-4:30	10	Free	20



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

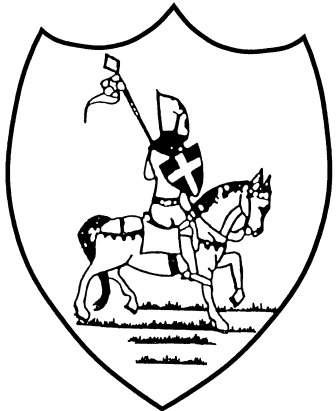
Respect

Integrity

Equality

Nurture

Determination



English

Autumn 1

Stimulus - Firework Maker's Daughter

Writing: Advert

Retelling of a story

Emotive letter

Autumn 2

Stimulus - Macbeth by William Shakespeare

Wisp

Writing: Setting description & character description

Motivational speech

Formal letter

Grammar: Revise word classes

Adjectives, nouns, verbs, adverbs,
conjunctions, prepositions

Appropriate choice of pronouns

Expanded noun phrases

Adverbial and prepositional phrases

Subordinate clauses

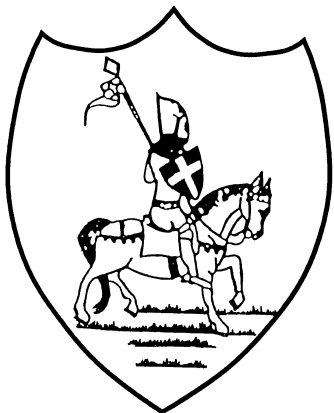
Direct speech

Parenthesis

Synonyms

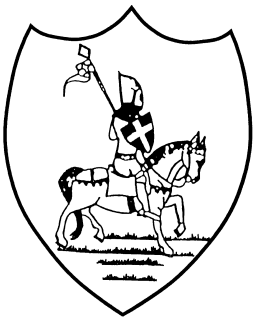
Proper nouns

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.

<https://howesprimary.co.uk/children/>

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



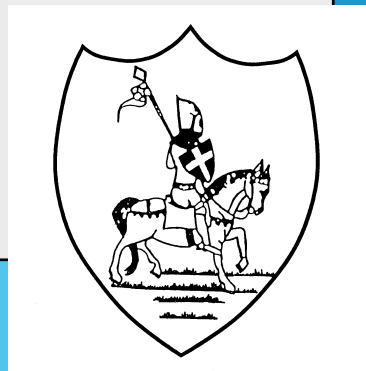
How to help your child with Writing

- 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

<p>Science</p> <p>Year 4</p>	<p>Sound - vibrations; the ear; volume; pitch</p>	<p>Electricity - appliances; simple circuit; switch; conductors and insulators.</p>	<p>States of matter - solids, liquids, gasses; heating and cooling; evaporation and condensation - water cycle.</p>	<p>Animals including humans - digestive system; teeth; food chains - producers, predators and prey.</p>	<p>Animals including humans - digestive system; teeth; food chains - producers, predators and prey.</p>	<p>Living things and habitats - grouping, classification; environments can change and cause danger.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>Year 5</p>	<p>Earth and Space - movement of the earth; movement of the moon; night and day.</p>	<p>Properties and changes of materials</p>	<p>Forces and magnets - gravity; air resistance; water resistance; friction; mechanisms, levers, pulleys and gears.</p>	<p>Forces and magnets - gravity; air resistance; water resistance; friction; mechanisms, levers, pulleys and gears.</p>	<p>Living things and habitats - life cycles of mammal, amphibian, insect and bird; reproduction in plants and animals.</p>	<p>Animals including humans - changes in old age.</p>



History, Geography, DT and Art

Art		Power Prints
Design Technology	Torches Making a slingshot car	
Geography		Why are rainforests important to us?
History	How have children's lives changed?	

Useful Websites



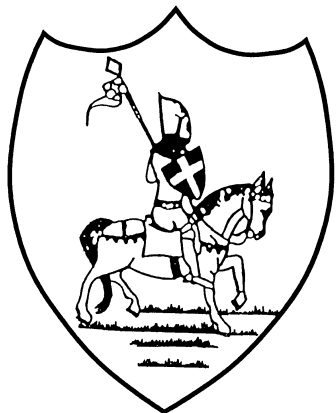
www.spellingshed.com

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



www.spag.com

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



 ReadTheory

<https://readtheory.org>

<https://bit.ly/2jVtm6N>



Key Dates

Date/Time	Event	Who
12/9/24	Tea with the Teacher 3.30pm	Sycamore Class Parents
17/9/24	Tea with the Headteacher 9.00am & 3.30pm	Whole School Parents
27/9/24	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15am	Whole School & Community
8/10/24	SEND surgery 9.00am & 3.30pm	Whole School Parents
14/10/24	Recycling Week	Whole School
18/10/24	Sycamore Class Assembly 9.15am	Sycamore Class Parents
23/10/24	School Disco Time TBC	Year 1-6
24/10/24	Harvest Collection	Whole School
25/10/24	INSET Day	Whole School
28-1/11/24	HALF - TERM HOLIDAY	Whole School
4/11/24	School open	Whole School
15/11/24	Children In Need	Whole School
18/11/24	Road Safety Week	Whole School
19/11/24	Oracy & Oreos Parent Workshop 6.00pm	Whole School Parents
3-4/12/24	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm	Whole School Parents
6/12/24	Non Uniform Day - Xmas Fayre (Chocolates)	Whole School
12/12/24	Pantomime	Key Stage Two
13/12/24	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm	Whole School & Community
19/12/24	Carols around the tree 3.20pm	Whole School Parents
23/12-3/1/25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Whole School



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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