

September 2019

Key
Stage 2



Sycamore Class

New Class Information
Class Teacher - Mr Powell
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Edwards

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

Our learning

English: We will be studying narrative writing including character descriptions, diaries, leaflets and recounts. We will be focusing on writing with description and will be using skills such as adjectives, adverbs, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases in our writing. We will continue with our high expectations for presentation and handwriting.

Maths: Maths is being taught in year groups this year. Mrs Chell is teaching Year 4 and Mr Powell is teaching Year 5. To start the year, we will begin with place value. Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and length and perimeter are some of the upcoming topics. Throughout, we will work hard on times tables with the goal being instant recall of all multiplication facts up to 12x12.

Dinners

All dinners in KS2 are payable using Parent Pay.

Snack

Please send snack money in on a Monday morning in a clearly marked envelope. See over for more details.



School Uniform

Uniform consists of white shirt, school tie, grey trousers or skirt, blue school jumper or cardigan, black school shoes. Grey shorts and red summer dresses may be worn in warmer weather. Please do not send your child to school in trainers.

PE Kit

A white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. These should be kept in school every day and will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term. PE is on a Friday.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Science: Year 4 will begin by studying living things and light and Year 5 will be learning about properties and changes of materials.

Computing: Mr Nash will be teaching about using computers safely.

Topic: Miss Heathcote will be teaching about the Stone Age and Pompei to Year 4 and Ancient Greece and food to Year 5.

Homework

The children will have three books for work at home: home school link (English), daily calculations (Maths) and a reading record. On the first page of their home school link book, there is more information on this (including hand-in days for each).

Expectations

We have high expectations of the children and expect them to do their best at all times. We want the children to take pride in their work and in their achievements. We have many reward systems in the class, including stickers, raffle tickets and celebration awards.

Remember: The classroom door is always open should you need to speak to any member of staff about any updates or concerns connected with your child. The class teacher is always your first point of contact.

You can also contact Mrs Prideaux on her email: julieprideaux@heathcote.staffs.sch.uk.

Reading

We will have dedicated guided and shared reading lessons. Some will take part in reading interventions. Also, we have a weekly slot to visit the school library so pupils can choose books to take home. This will be supported with the introduction of reading records.

Understanding the texts that are read is the focus of learning. Retrieving information, summarising and making deductions, inferences and predictions are the sorts of skills being developed in lessons. Also, we are looking at reading techniques, such as text mapping and the PEE model.

Please encourage reading at home. It is incredibly important that they are reading good-quality books that they enjoy and a range of other materials. Spellings and vocabulary will be developed through reading and this will help with progression in writing.

Snacks

For KS2, snacks are £2.50 a week.

This includes a drink (milk or juice) a biscuit and a piece of fruit each day.

£2.50 is to be paid on Monday morning.

Note: Snacks cannot be bought daily, only weekly.

The school is a healthy school, so only healthy snacks can be brought in from home.