Sycamore Class – Lower School

Notable news

Sycamore class enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this year, dressing up as our favourite characters and going on a bear hunt to save the school! They have also enjoyed walks to the park turn taking on equipment and being safe when out in the community.



Communication

Sycamore Class enjoy going to the school library each week and sharing a story with and adult. They also read in class every morning and enjoy sharing books with peers. We also enjoyed a trip to the local library this half term, enjoying sharing a story in a new environment. We have been working hard in Phonics this term, which in turn has helped to develop our reading and writing skills! Sycamore Class have been exploring the 'People who help us' topic this term and have enjoyed learning about different jobs. We role played lots of different roles and used the knowledge we have learned to carry out our written work.



Cognition

In Maths we have been working on our addition and subtraction skills in our number lessons. We have used manipulatives and number lines to help us with our sums. We have also been learning about position and direction as well as measure and capacity.

In Science Sycamore Class explored the differences in our families, and have moved on to learning about animals including humans. We have discussed the different number of legs animals have, as well as sorting animals into categories- birds, fish, mammals etc. We also use Explorify at the start of every science lesson to enable all students to think outside the box.



<u>Life Skills and Personal Development</u>

Food Technology helps the students to gain independence and life skills. This term, we enjoyed making biscuits, cakes and pancakes. We also learned where our food comes from and the importance of hand washing and keeping the kitchen clean.

In our PHSE lessons, we have been focussing on our personal hygiene. Students have been tooth brushing and washing dolls to enhance their understanding of the importance of keeping ourselves clean. They also took part in a fun experiment to show the importance of using soap to keep our hands clean of germs.



Upcoming Events

We have another busy term coming up! Key dates are detailed below, but please continue to check the school website for any changes or new events.

- 5th May Bank holiday
- 2nd June Inset day
- 27th June Inset day

Have a lovely Easter break From the Sycamore class team Emily, Laura, Angela and Adriana

