

Spring Term - Sycamore Class

Class Welcome

What a fun-filled term we have had in Sycamore class! From celebrating Chinese New Year, to having our families in for our Mothers and Others and Merit afternoons, we have really enjoyed all the different activities we have done this term. We have enjoyed trips out to the 6th form site as well as a wonderful trip to the cinema which all students enjoyed. One of our favourite activities was the visit from Rocksteady! We all loved taking turns on the different instruments and singing our favourite songs. We have also started to attend the upper school singing assemblies and spending some time on the upper school playground, helping those pupils that are year 6 with their transitions to upper school in September.



Communication and interaction

This term we have been looking at the works of David Walliams in our Literacy lessons. We explored the books 'The First Hippo on the Moon' and 'The Creature Choir'. We enjoyed reading the books and sequencing the different events happening in the stories. We also enjoyed taking part in World Book Day, making a wonderful class mascot- Sid the Sycamore Snail. Our favourite part of the day was taking part in the whole school mascot parade- It was very fun! We have also enjoyed our targeted Phonics lessons- working on new sounds each week. We also enjoy daily reading sessions and have had a lovely story time with 6th form. Each week we take part in weekend News sessions, sequencing what we have done over the weekend then asking and answering questions about it before writing down what we have done.



Cognition and Learning

In our Maths lessons this term, we have been exploring addition and subtraction- using manipulatives and number lines. We have also focussed on measure and capacity as well as time. We learned how to sequence the days of the week, our school timetable and the numbers around a clock. We also worked on how to tell the time using an analogue clock. During our Science lessons we have been learning about different animal classifications as well as learning about the habitats in which they live. In Computing we have been learning about coding, enjoying using the Beebots as well as coding each other.



Independence, social and emotional development

In our PHSE lessons this term, we have learned about the importance of good personal hygiene. We learned how to wash ourselves properly- using dirty baby dolls and having to clean them. We also learned about the importance of brushing our teeth correctly, using giant teeth and laminated pictures to show the pupils how to clean in all the crevices within our mouths. This half-term we have been learning about the importance of exercise and taking time for our wellbeing- we have enjoyed taking part in lots of different brain break dance videos and then relaxing at the end with some zen den meditation. In Food technology we have been sequencing recipes and then following them the following week in our cooking lessons. We also enjoyed some trips out- to the 6th form site and the cinema as well as trips to the park.



Physical and Sensory

In PE this term we enjoyed taking part in New Age Kurling lessons. We learned how to slide the stone towards the target, hit our opponents' stones and we took part in matches! We have all enjoyed our swimming sessions this half term, making great progress with our independent swimming. We have also enjoyed spending time in the sensory rooms, especially the sensory circuits, taking turns on the different equipment and sharing with our peers.



Special news and upcoming events

April:

20–30 Apr Finalise classes for 2026–27
23 Apr Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)

June:

8 Jun Publish class staffing for 2026–27 | Parent Coffee Morning (9.30am)
12 Jun Come and Learn With Me | Year 14 Leavers' Event
25 Jun Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)
26 Jun Prom
W/c 22 Jun Parent Meetings (end of year reports)
27 Jun PTA School Fete

July:

3 Jul Sports Day
9 Jul Come and Learn With Me
10 Jul Family Picnic
13 Jul Sixth Form Merit Assembly (2pm)
14 Jul Upper School Merit Assembly (2pm)
15 Jul Lower School Merit Assembly (2pm)
16 Jul PMLD Merit Assembly (2pm)
17 Jul Family Performance (Harlow Brass Band)

We hope you all have a wonderful Spring break, and we look forward to seeing you all again on the 13th April for another fun-filled term.

Emily, Laura, Lesley and Leah.

