

Sycamore Class – Lower School

Notable news

What a wonderful year we've had in Sycamore class! Our term has been filled with lots of fun activities, and there are still plenty of exciting events to look forward to.

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we had a lively VE Day parade on the playground. During Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, we all wore green to show our support and raise awareness. We also enjoyed a visit from Lyn and Misty the therapy dog.

Here's to a brilliant end of term and a fun-filled summer ahead!



Communication

In our English lessons, we've been exploring the exciting story of 'Around the World with Max and Lemon'. Together, we traced Max's journey across various countries and engaged in writing activities inspired by the diverse characters she encountered. We also enjoyed listening to the poem 'The Sound Collector' and took a walk around the school to discover different sounds, which we then used to craft our own unique poems. In Phonics, we've continued to focus on mastering our Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds, alongside enhancing our reading comprehension skills.

In Computing, we have been enjoying exploring Purple Mash on the computers and becoming confident in using the mouse.



Cognition

In Maths, we have been learning to divide by sharing items equally between 2 and 3. We have also covered statistics, creating tally charts and pictograms of different car colours in the car park and favourite fruits. In our shape, space and measure lessons, we have explored 2D and 3D shapes, as well as money.

In Science, we investigated habitats and delved into the properties of various materials.

In Art, we used natural items for printmaking. We studied the work of Andy Goldsworthy and enjoyed creating our own artwork inspired by this talented artist. In Music we have been lucky enough to have Tom from the Essex Music Hub come in and teach us how to play the ukulele. All of the students have really enjoyed these lessons and learning something new.



Life Skills and Personal Development

In Food Technology, we made a selection of delicious foods, including salads and sandwiches. In PSHE, we have explored mindfulness and the benefits of exercise. Pupils followed various movement videos on the interactive whiteboard and participated in Functional Reflexology Therapy sessions.

In PE, we have enjoyed Athletics and Three Tees Cricket, consistently working hard as well as having fun! Thursday swimming lessons are the student's favourite part of the week, and they have worked incredibly hard with Victoria in these. Each pupil's confidence in the water has grown tremendously, learning how to feel safe and comfortable in the water. They have learned the proper strokes to help them swim and have worked on their star and mushroom floats.



Upcoming Events

Key dates are detailed below, but please continue to check the school website for any changes or new events.

- Tuesday 2nd September – Back to school

Thank you to our Sycamore class pupils and parents for a fantastic year. We wish our year 6 pupils moving to upper school lots of luck for the future, we know they'll be amazing.

We hope you all have a great summer holiday!

From the Sycamore Class Team

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