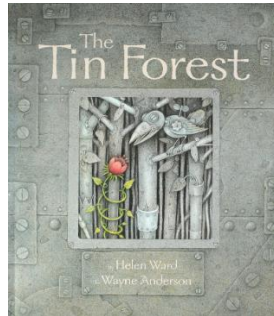




Sycamore Newsletter

September 2024

In **English** lessons this term, we are reading a book called *The Tin Forest*. We will use its images and text to infer and make predictions about its characters and story line. We will write character and setting descriptions to practise punctuation, expanded noun phrases and adverbials in order to write a diary entry.



In Maths we are focusing on place value in 3 digit (Year 3) and 4 digit (Year 4) numbers and then beginning to apply this to addition and subtraction. We will also be working on quick recall of times tables. Year 4s will take a times table test in the summer term. Regular practise of new tables and repetition of ones previously learnt is invaluable. Details of tables to be practised are on your child's homework grid. Here are some links to support you doing this at home:

[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com)



White Rose 1 minute maths app

Reading – Your child will have 2 reading books. One is an AR book chosen according to their reading range. Reading with an adult remains really important so new words and understanding can be discussed. Our reading bookmarks provide questions to help these discussions. We ask that you aim to read daily with your child, making a note in their student journal. House points are awarded for every time they have read at home (with written proof!) Your child will also be read with at least once a week in school. Their second book is chosen from our class library and is to be enjoyed as you wish, looking at the pictures, a book for you to read to your child or to read together.

Homework

In addition to reading and timetables, your child will receive a Homework Grid. There are a variety of tasks from which they need to pick 4 to complete by the October half term.

Student Planners

Your child will have a student planner. There is space for reading to be logged and messages written by home and school. These will be checked daily in school and we ask that you do the same at home to aid communication. There is space for you to sign at the end of the week to show you have accessed this.

History

In History we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons, why they invaded Britain, how they lived their daily lives through learning about children's lives in this time. Finally we will identify the Anglo Saxon Kingdoms.



Art

We will be exploring ways of using charcoal to create drama, creating a final piece drawn in torch light!

Science

We will be studying how to keep our bodies healthy through the food groups we eat and the exercise we take. We will use this knowledge to act as personal trainers to a set of clients.



PHSE

We will continue with our work on zones of regulation, identifying feelings and how they affect us. We will also look at what affects the choices we make focusing on food and exercise.

Latin

We will be learning Latin through stories of the Romans.

PE

We are learning netball and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities).

The children have PE every **Wednesday and Thursday** Earrings should not be worn for any PE session please help your child stay safe by removing their earrings on a PE day.

R.E.

We are looking at what different people believe about God focusing on Hindus and Muslims.

Computing

The children developing their coding skills by using 'timers', 'if' and making their own coding game.

Music

We will be focusing on singing this half term.