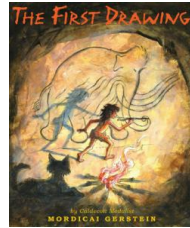




## Sycamore Newsletter

September 2025

In **English** lessons this term, we are reading a book called *The First Drawing* by Mordicai Gerstein. The children will explore the text and create a variety of pieces of writing based on the text for example a diary entry and character description. This text links to our History topic, the 'Stone Age.'



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. Here is a link to support you doing this at home:

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

**Reading** – Your child will bring home a book at their level. Reading with an adult remains really important so new words and understanding can be discussed. We ask that you aim to read daily with your child, making a note in their student journal.

### **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 3 to complete by the October half term. Homework books can be handed in on a Friday to be marked.

### **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 Stone Age and the different eras within this time period. They will look at what archaeologists have found and what this means.



### **Art and DT**

In Art this term we will be exploring how artists create sequenced drawings to share and tell stories. In DT this term children will learn about making shell structures.



### **Science**

We will be looking at the topic Animals including humans and in particular teeth and the digestive system.

### **PHSE**

In PSHE we will look at drugs alcohol and tobacco.

### **PE**

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

The children have PE every Wednesday and Friday. 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.**

In RE we will be looking at the question 'What does it mean to be a Christian today?'

### **Computing**

The children will be learning about computer systems and networks, with a particular focus on the internet.

### **Music**

We will be looking at 'This little light of mine' this half term and start off with learning about pentatonic scales.