



Sycamore Newsletter

November 2025

In **English** lessons this term, we will be studying 'The Lighthouse' by Charlie Short. Children will focus on being able to put an array of different writing techniques into their final piece, including expanded noun phrases, adverbials and paragraphs. Our English topic links to our Art topic about how sequenced drawings can be used to share stories.



In **Maths** we are focusing on addition and subtraction and the column method for each calculation. We will then move onto the topic of multiplication and division, again learning methods to help solve these calculations. Furthermore, 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 Christmas holidays. 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.

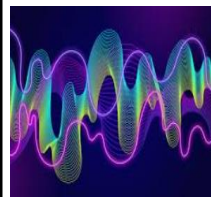
Geography

In Geography we will be learning about Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes. We will look at what mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes are and why we have them.



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 of Sound. Children will look at how sounds are made and how sound travels.

PHSE

In PSHE we will look at Identity, Society and Inequality.

PE

We are learning Gymnastics and Hockey. The children have PE every Monday 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 can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?'

Computing

The children will continue to learn about computer systems and networks, with a particular focus on the internet.

Music

We will be looking at 'My fantasy football team.' Children will play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments.