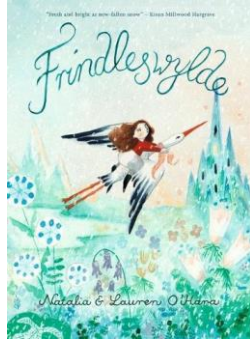




Sycamore Newsletter

February 2024

In **English** lessons this term, we will be using Frindleswyld to explore fairy tales, building on the narrative skills learnt in the Autumn term to write a sequel



In **Maths** we are focusing on fractions. We will continue 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 \(trockstars.com\)](https://www.trockstars.com)

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2023 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)



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, you child will receive a Homework Grid. There are a variety of tasks from which they need to pick 2 to complete by the February 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 shall be thinking about why the Romans chose to invade Britain and what made their army so powerful. We'll finish by comparing Roman settlements to Celtic ones drawing on our knowledge of the Iron Age.



Art

Linking with our Romans unit, we will be using still life to create relief clay tiles depicting fruit from a Roman diet.

Science

We will be studying states of matter, exploring how heating and cooling effects materials and linking this to the water cycle.



PHSE

We will continue with our work on zones of regulation while also exploring growing up and changing.

French

We will be using our knowledge of numbers to exploring birthday celebrations here and in France.

PE

Children will be swimming every **Monday** afternoon this term. On Thursdays, their PE unit is fitness focussing on exercise to strengthen different areas of the body. **Please help your child stay safe by removing their earrings on a PE day.**

R.E.

'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?' is the heading for this half term. Children will consider what makes a person inspiring, then relating this to Jesus' actions in some parables. They will then look at the events of Holy Week.



Music

We will work with Mrs Hills from the county music service. This term we will be learning the art of Samba through drumming.