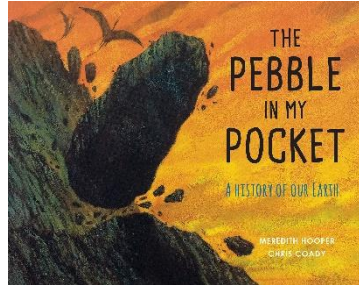




Sycamore Newsletter

April 2024

In **English** lessons this term, our focus is on non-fiction. Initially we will create a blackout poem to help explore the language used by Meredith Hooper in *The Pebble in my pocket* before writing information booklets about rocks.



In **Maths** we are focusing on fractions, decimals and money. 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://trockstars.com)

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2023 - Timestables.co.uk](https://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 4 to complete by the May 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.

Geography

In Geography we are exploring what attracts tourists to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales and what impact this has on the village.



DT

We will be learning how to code a Micro:bit to make a road safety electronic charm.



Science

We will be studying rocks, grouping them according to their appearance and properties and how they have been formed. We shall also investigate how fossils are created. This links with our geography and English units.

PHSE

We will continue with our work on zones of regulation while also exploring making choices in relation to drugs with a focus on alcohol.

French

We will be learning colours in our unit Colourful creatures.

PE

Children will have Kanga sports delivering cricket on a **Wednesday** and they will have tag rugby on **Fridays**. **Please help your child stay safe by removing their earrings on a PE day.**

R.E.

'Why are festivals important to religious communities?' is the heading for this half term. Children will focus on the festivals of Easter and Eid

Music

We will work with Mrs Hills from the county music service. This term we will be learning to play the violin

