



**Sycamore**

**Class**

## **Curriculum Newsletter**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term of Year 1/2 Sycamore Class and to what we hope will be a very good year. We hope you all had a wonderful Summer break.

If you do have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how to best support your child at home, then please do email us via **office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk** or through the Google classroom.

### **Topic**

Our topics for the first half-term are **Maps and Globes** in our Geography studies, **Colour and Shape** in Art, and **Our Bodies** will be our scientific focus. As we move into the second half term before Christmas we will be learning about **Romans in Britain** in History, **Living Things in Their Environment** in Science, and in Art we will be looking at **Colour, Shape and Texture**. In DT we will be learning to **cook** through making **Pizza** and **Gingerbread**.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be using **Power Maths** as our scheme with daily opportunities to learn through using practical maths resources. The work we do in school is based around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Children are expected to be confident in all areas and the work we complete in school will reflect this. All children will be given log-in details for Times Tables Rockstars and will get a chance to familiarise themselves with this learning platform in school on our class Chrome Books. Children in Year 2 are expected to regularly use this to improve their times tables knowledge and speed of recall as the year progresses <https://trockstars.com/>

### **English**

We will start the term with learning a narrative text with recurring patterned language (**The Gruffalo**) before moving onto learning the skill of writing diaries and creating shape poetry. We will continue to learn our fiction and non-fiction texts through Talk for Writing.

### **Phonics**

Phonics is a method used to teach early reading, where decoding and encoding is taught through the recognition and application of grapheme (letter)-phoneme (sound it makes) correspondence. We teach phonics every day, with some children requiring a second or 'catch-up' session in the same day to ensure they don't fall behind. We are a **Little Wandle** school and so follow their progression documents. For your interest and so you can better support them when reading at home, we will regularly list the sounds and words that your child has been introduced to on our Google Classroom page.

### **P.E.**

PE this term will be on **Mondays** with Forest School running on **Tuesdays**. Please can your child come to school in their PE uniform and Forest School clothing on a Tuesday. A long-sleeved top and trousers is suitable, layered with waterproof clothing as appropriate to the weather conditions. Wellies or walking boots for footwear please on wet days.

### **Homework**

Reading is the most important thing for KS1 children to be practising as this unlocks all other areas of learning. Daily practice is best but we understand life can be busy so encourage children to read 3 or more times a week with our Reading Reward Schemes and Top Reader Awards. Please remember to send in books on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** to be changed for fresh ones (**library books each Thursday only**).

As we settle into Sycamore we will be using the Google Classroom more frequently to set homework related to the learning your child is doing each week. Please keep an eye out for notices and tasks on here.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a busy Autumn Term.

**Mrs Beckett (Class Teacher), Mrs Shipley (TA) & Mrs Payne (TA), Mrs Smith (TA), Miss Leadbeter (TA), Mrs Jefferson (TA), and Mrs Chapman (TA).**