



# SYCAMORE CLASS NEWS



*Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a fabulous time.*

*If you have any questions about any of your child's learning just pop in and see me before or after school.*

*Our topic for SPRING 1 2019 will be 'The Mysterious Oceans.'*

## **\*Sycamore CLASS REMINDERS-**

*Water bottles are priced at 50p should you wish to purchase one for your child.*

*Tuck is priced at 20p per item—£1 for a week. Tuck orders and payment will be taken on a Monday for the rest of the week. Your child will need to place their order and pay each Monday in order to receive tuck at playtime.*

*Please ensure all uniform and PE kit are labelled with your child's full name.*

*Pencil cases are not allowed in lessons and all stationary is provided for pupils in school.*

*Children should have their P.E kit in school all week. Please ensure that your child has a plain t-shirt and plain shorts of joggers.*

*Please listen to your child read regularly— little but often is the key! Children will be rewarded in school for completing their reading records a minimum of 5 times a week.*

*Learning Logs will be sent home on a fortnightly basis. There is additional information on the inside of books.*

*Spellings will be sent home on a weekly basis and children are encouraged to take part in the times tables challenge!*

## **Curriculum Information**

### **Science**

**To look at the food chains within the oceans and how global warming/pollution is affecting the oceans and wildlife.  
To look at teeth and their different jobs and then to look at the digestive system and how it works. They will also investigate the words dissolve, evaporate, absorb, buoyancy/water displacement.**

### **Art/DT**

**The children will be using various materials to design and make their own boats and then evaluate the best materials to use. They will also look at the Rembrandt picture and recreate it using their own art skills.**

### **History**

**To learn about pirates and famous explorers who discovered different countries—Christopher Columbus, James Cook, Francis Drake, Grace Darling.**

### **Geography**

**To identify the different oceans around the world and identify their geographical features including: reefs, mountains, volcanoes.  
They will also be using atlases to find the positions of the different oceans and seas.**

### **Maths**

**Shape, mental and written methods of multiplication and division, measures, data handling and fractions.**

**The children will also be given the opportunity to apply the skills they have learnt through various problem solving activities and reasoning questions.**

### **English**

**The children will look at different styles of poetry throughout the term and then write their own in the same style. We will complete some explanation writing and then move onto adventure and suspense writing using a clip from the internet to inspire us. They will use their predicting skills, write character and setting descriptions and then have the opportunity to write the script for the clip. They will also write non-chronological reports about the oceans and the ocean animals.**