



Sycamore Termly Newsletter

Spring 1 2023-2024

Starts Wednesday 3rd January

Ends Thursday 8th February



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new year at Marlborough Primary Academy! This term, by focussing on our TREAT values (trust, respect, equality, ambition and togetherness), we will support your child's development. We will help them improve their knowledge, skills and attitude to help them become even more wonderful, kind and clever.

This term our topic project will be Early Civilisations.

Our learning will focus on early civilisations and what they achieved. We will be learning to be historians by studying evidence from the past.

English

This term, our writing topic is non-chronological reports.

We will be learning by studying a book called "Where The Forest Meets The Sea," by Jeannie Baker.

We will also be visiting the local library to choose reading books.

You can support your child at home by joining the library and helping your child choose books to borrow.

Maths

Our maths topics will first focus on multiplication and division and then length and area.

In May, the children in Year 4 will take a times tables check test. This is a national requirement for all children in Year 4.

Learning these multiplication facts will make a big difference to children's confidence and skill in maths.

To improve the children's skills, we will be practising times tables for a few minutes every day throughout this year.

Encourage your child to practise their times tables at home. They could use Times Tables Rockstars online.

Science

Our topic this term is rocks and soils.

Children will learn about different rocks and how they are formed.

We will also learn about Dartmoor and discover how its tors formed thousands of years ago.

ART

Our topic this term is about the artists William and May Morris and their amazing designs.



Homework

Our most important homework is reading. The more reading your child does, the better they will do at school. Your child should bring home a reading book at their level. Please hear them read every day. When they have finished the book, they can take a quiz on it and choose a new one.

Children need to score 60% or more on the quizzes to pass!

Other homework is set on Friday and due in by the following Wednesday.

DOJO and website

Try to keep an eye on Class Dojo and the school website for important dates and upcoming events. Feel free to contact me through Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns.

PE

Our PE sessions will be on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. The children can wear PE kit for the whole day. Please make sure your child has a plain white t-shirt and dark shorts, leggings or plain tracksuit trousers. They can also wear a school jumper or a plain, dark jumper or hoodie.