



# Sycamore Termly Newsletter

## Summer 1 2023-2024

Starts Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Ends Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May



Dear Parents/Carers,

The blossom is starting to appear; it's getting warmer; there's even been a bit of sunshine. That can only mean one thing: the summer term is here!

This term our topic project will be 'Through the Ages'

Children are learning about how people lived, thousands of years ago, with very little technology and how their lives changes as bronze and then iron tools were invented. This topic will give us lots of opportunities to learn through play, by investigating the iron age remains on Dartmoor and by researching using the internet.

### English

This term, our writing topic is adventure stories.

We will be learning by studying a book called "Koji's Island."

We will also be visiting the local library to choose and enjoy 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 are decimals and money. These are useful topics and build onto their learning about fractions and place value.

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.

We've made great progress but we can't stop now! To get ready for the test, children need to know all the times tables off by heart!

At home, your child can practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars or Mathletics online.

### Science

Our topic this term is forces and magnets.

We are learning about how to measure forces as well as investigating magnets.

### Art

This term we are learning about Plant Art!

How are plants shown in art? How are plants used to make sculptures and other art works?

We will be studying amazing works of art and trying to make some of our own.

### 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.

### Special Events

This term we have several events happening for Year 3 and 4.

We have an opera workshop on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>, we are going to the Theatre Royal to see an opera performed.

### 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.