

### Mathematics

Place Value - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division  
Mental Arithmetic  
Problem solving

### Science

Light, dark and shadows

### History/Geography

Mountains

### Art & Design / Design Technology

Banksy

### Physical Education

Invasion sports and swimming  
PE will be on a Friday - so please ensure that your child comes to school in PE kit Fridays and brings in swimming kit Wednesday. If they are football club Wednesday, then they can come in PE kit on Wednesday too.

### Religious Education

Was Jesus the Messiah?

**Homework** Spellings for English and times tables for Maths will be set Monday and tested Friday. We will work on these, as well as handwriting, every morning but also ask you to help your child practise at home - as plenty of repetition will be rewarded with success. We will also set a written task each Wednesday, alternating Maths and English. The aim of this will be to practise the area we are studying that week. This will help cement the children's learning and also get the children used to the idea of more formal homework. We will provide a book for this, which should be handed in on the following Monday.



Year 5/6

Sycamore Class

Teachers: Mrs Doughty and Mrs Jones

Term 1 Newsletter

Remember to access updates and class information on our school website.

### English

The Promise by Nicola Davies  
Fiction: Writing a sequel  
Non-fiction: Persuasive speech  
Spellings/ handwriting  
Guided reading  
Punctuation  
Word classes

### Computing

Systems and web searching

### Languages

Greetings, 1-100, Classroom instructions and daily routine

### PSHE

Being me in my world

### Music

Ukulele  
Melody and Harmony in Music

### Updates & Notices

Children need to bring in a water bottle.

Dear Parents,

I do hope you have had a great summer and welcome to your child to Sycamore Class.

### Staffing

To confirm staffing - Mrs Doughty is the class teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Jones is the class teacher Wednesday Thursday and Friday. We will work very closely together to ensure that the children's week is fluid and each day/week/term builds on the next. Mrs Hamilton-Gill is the Teaching Assistant in our class.

### Classroom organisation

We have re-organised the classroom and there will be pegs for coats/hats/bags but please ensure everything is named. On each table there will be a pot with pencils/pens but if your child has a small pencil case with colouring pencils / pens then they can bring this in. There will be a place for each child to keep a water bottle and lunchbox away from the desks.

### Readings books

Most children are free readers. During quiet times in class, they can read a book from our book area or they are welcome to bring in a book from home. Even in Year 5 and 6, listening to your child read a couple of times a week at home will greatly improve fluency in reading. Please fill in form at back of homework book to log reading at home.

Finally, a word about break-time snacks - a healthy snack is such as a piece of fruit, dried fruit, bread stick, plain cracker is a great energy boost at break-time, but please no nuts or sugary snacks such as biscuits or chocolate.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of Sycamore Class a very successful and happy new school year. This is such an important year for Year 6 and also a step up for Year 5 in terms of independence and responsibilities.

Please note, Swimming starts on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. For the 3 weeks preceding this, we will be doing PE instead and therefore PE kit will be required.

We are very excited to be working in Sycamore Class and we hope that you will come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Doughty, Mrs Jones and Mrs Hamilton-Gill