

Sycamore Class News

In Sycamore class we have had a fabulous start to the new school year. We love our new classroom and are enjoying the Literacy and Maths that we do every morning.

Everyone is focussed on their learning and is working hard. We earn lots of silver stars every week and it is often difficult to choose who is going to get the white ribbons!



In Literacy we have been working on improving our writing, particularly getting more done and also improving the quality of our work by using interesting and imaginative ideas. This half term we have written some lovely poetry using our senses to describe things. We have learned what similes are and also looked at examples of alliteration and personification.

Roald Dahl day was a great opportunity for us to practise writing instructions, in this case, how to make George's Marvellous Medicine. We enjoyed thinking of some disgusting ingredients! In our work on fables, we read several examples of the genre before writing our own, complete with morals. We love using our imaginations to write stories and are working on how to build up descriptions of characters and places.





In maths, we all have times tables to learn and our target is all times tables up to 12×12 so keep practising at home! We have done lots of work on place value and this has helped us to read, write and order numbers beyond 1000. Our new place value counters and Tens and Ones equipment are helping us to see how numbers are made up. In our addition and subtraction work, we have been using column methods if we can't do the answer in our heads. We are also using the column method for multiplication alongside the grid method which again, helps us to 'see' a calculation and do it mentally if we can. We count in steps daily and this term our focus is steps of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000. Rapid Number Recall practise takes place weekly and helps us to keep skills sharp. Finally, we have really enjoyed our problem solving activities, working on big sheets of paper and working in groups to solve problems.



Have a great half term week everyone!

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Peel and Mrs Deville