

## Sycamore Summer Term Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable Easter break as we look forward to the Summer months ahead of us! We are writing to provide you with some information about the learning we will be doing in terms 5 and 6.

In English, the learning of particular grammar and punctuation skills continues through the theme of 'persuasive writing'. By looking at adverts and a variety of texts, we can find out the type of language features used before using these in our own written work. Organizing our ideas, planning, drafting and editing, will be the main focus in our writing over the next few terms so that pupils can record their ideas more effectively.

Recounts and instructions will also tie in with our topic work and hopefully enthuse our writers!

Weekly spellings will

continue to be sent home on a Tuesday and tested on a

Monday. A big thank you for the continued practice and

support you are giving your children with these at home as it makes all the difference. English and Maths home learning will begin again on Friday 28th April.

For our Maths work, we shall be focusing on :-

the four functions within problem solving, inverse operations, rounding numbers (including decimals), decimal equivalents and converting measurements as well as a range of other areas.

Please continue to practice multiplication tables as well as their corresponding division facts as these are invaluable to your child's learning in class.

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt'. During the term we will be discovering who the Ancient Egyptians really were, what life in Ancient Egyptian times was like, the process of mummification and the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen. In Term Six we will move to a geography focus where we will be finding out about India. We will look at landscape and physical features as well as comparing daily life and schooling.

Art will be linked to our topic on Ancient Egypt in Term Five, which will involve us making mummies, writing our names in hieroglyphics as well as creating our own Egyptian jewellery. In Term Six our work will link to India and we will be creating our own Mandala patterns among other exciting things.

In Term Five we will be exploring 'States of Matter' in our Science topic where we will be comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. A range of investigations will be carried out to observe how materials might change state through heating or cooling and how we can give reasoned explanations for these changes. In Term Six, our science topic looks at 'Living Things' where pupils will learn to recognize that these can be grouped in a variety of ways using classification keys They will also learn to identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment . We will find out that some environments can change and pose a threat to living things

Within RE we will be continuing with our work on Prayer before exploring the religion of Islam and finding out about the five pillars and why they are important to Muslims. We will end the year by looking at the school values in depth.

In PE we will be having Chris from Elite taking one of our PE sessions on a Tuesday. The other session will be on a Wednesday. We will be focusing on athletics, in our run up to Sports Day. Please can we ask that PE kit is kept in school and that long hair is tied back and earrings removed for PE days.

If at any time you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Manktelow and Miss Carter.