



Parent Curriculum Overview

AUTUMN TERM 1 2023 SYCAMORE CLASS

ENGLISH

Our first English unit this term will be based on Colourful Semantics sentence building. Then we will begin our first traditional tale based on the text 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will have a heavy focus on sentence construction using capital letters, finger spaces and special friends in our writing. The children will continue to join in Read, Write, Inc phonics sessions daily in small groups to learn new special friends. We will begin to learn pre-cursive handwriting in our weekly handwriting sessions.

Reading continues to be a high priority. We ask you to support this by reading regularly at home and making comments in the home school link book.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will be building on the children's learning from EYFS on number fluency to 20. The children will be introduced to different ways of grouping objects and numbers in tens frames, bar models and part-whole models. Introducing some new concepts in maths building on our previous learning so far this year. The children will be introduced to the concept of comparing amounts using inequality signs ($<$, $>$ and $=$) e.g. $4 > 2$, 4 is more than 2. $4=4$, 4 is equal to 4. Later in the term, we will begin to investigate addition and subtraction within ten using different concrete and visual stimulus building onto written number sentences.

PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Being Me'. We will explore the concept of belonging and discuss where and what we belong to, our rights and responsibilities, what makes us special and unique and build a learning charter to share our rules and responsibilities for a respectful classroom. We will recognise and celebrate strengths and help each other to set simple but challenging goals.

GEOGRAPHY

Our Geography learning this term we will be all about Our Local Area. We will be exploring our local area and discovering the features around Yealmpton. We will take part in a local area walk and become detectives, searching for places in pictures and on maps. As a class we will explore different maps of the local area and create our own picture maps and line maps, adding on houses, buildings and physical features of the local area.

COMPUTING

This term we will be learning about computer systems and improving our mouse skills. We will be practising how to click, drag, drop, and control a cursor. We will use this knowledge to help us create works of art by Kandinsky.

ART

This half term our art unit is called 'Playful Making'. The class will generate Art ideas by exploring different materials to make 3D sculptures. This will link with our Geography learning as we will base our sculptures on key places in our local area.

MUSIC

Our unit this term in music is all around the song 'Hey you!'. The children will be using their voices and a range of musical instruments to create different rhythms, pitch and speeds to represent different transports. The children will learn different songs and take part in class performances. We will also be practising our harvest songs and poem in preparation for the harvest assembly in the church.

SCIENCE

In Science we will be finding out about Animals including Humans. We will be identifying the five major senses and exploring our world around us using them. Later in the term, we will explore the different parts of the body and our internal organs and then compare to the bodies of animals. Across the term we will use our outdoor space to discover more about the seasonal changes happening and take part in an autumn walk, collect autumn leaves, and recognise the signs of autumn.

PE

PE is on a Wednesday and a Thursday. **Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and their shoes are the right size.** The children will be learning cricket and dance. On a Thursday afternoon PE will be taught by Arena.

RE

This half term we will be learning about what it means to belong to a faith community. We will mainly be exploring this question through the religion of Christianity. We will be learning about Christian symbols, exploring Christians stories from the bible and special Christian events like baptisms and weddings.

INFORMATION

- Mrs Carkett teaches on a Monday and Tuesday, Mrs James teaches from Wednesday to Friday.
- PE kits need to be in school every day. PE kits should be named. Please check that your child's PE shoes fit and they have a complete kit at school each week.
- Please practise with your child changing into uniform and becoming more independent.
- Please name all personal belongings, especially school jumpers!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon Tuesday 12th September 4pm-4:30pm.
- European Day of Languages Tuesday 26th September - come dressed in the colours of a European flag of your choice!
- Parent DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) open morning Friday 6th October 9am.
- Local area walk Tuesday 19th September (AM) - Send us a message on Dojo if you are available to help out 😊