



# Parent Curriculum Overview

SPRING TERM SYCAMORE CLASS

## ENGLISH

Our first English unit this term will be based on the text 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children will be using a range of skills to write character descriptions using adjectives and will retell the story with a funny twist! We still are focusing heavily on sentence construction using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Our second unit of the term is the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'. After receiving a surprise delivery from the wolf and enacting the story in the Wild Tribe area, we will be writing more character descriptions and choosing an alternative character to base our final stories on. We continue to have a big focus on Read, Write, Inc and children will continue daily sessions in small groups to learn new digraphs and continue and regular handwriting activities, writing in pre-cursive. 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

Our next unit will be 2D and 3D shapes where we will recap our learning of 2D shapes from EYFS and explore new 3D shapes, investigating their properties and making shape patterns. Following this, we will be learning about place value to 20 We will recap our knowledge of number bonds to ten and build up to twenty, using methods we have become really confident in. We continue to use tens frame, bar models and cube to help us work out answers. In this unit we will be practising to use and write our tens and ones in order to calculate more complex questions e.g. in 21 there are two tens and 1 one. Then we can learn to complete larger addition questions by first adding the tens then adding the ones. This knowledge will be key to help the children as they go through the year to make connections and tackle difficult calculation in different areas of maths.

## PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be thinking about dreams we may have for the future and what steps we will need to take in order to achieve them.

## COMPUTING

This term our topic is all about Online Safety. We will be exploring what we do online and how to keep safe when working online.

## GEOGRAPHY

In our Geography learning, we will be learning all about the UK and the four countries that make up the UK. We will be using mapping skills to locate places in the UK and find out about significant physical and human features of each country in the UK.

## SCIENCE

In Science we will be developing our understanding of the properties of different materials. We will be looking at the different characteristics of materials and how we can group these. We will use traditional tales such as 'The three little pigs' to discover the best construction materials to make successful houses.

## MUSIC

Our unit this term in music is all around the song 'In the groove'. The children will be using their voices and a range of musical instruments to create different rhythms, pitch and speeds. They will discover different musical styles in the song each week such as blues, baroque, Latin, bhangra, folk and funk.

## DT

Our next DT unit is all about fruit and vegetables. We will be tasting different fruit and vegetables, finding out where they grow, exploring different fruit and vegetable smoothies and then designing and creating our own smoothies.

## 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.** This term we will be learning different games and will also be developing our gymnastics specifically travelling, jumping and landing.

## RE

This term our focus is all around the key question: Who is Jewish and how do they live? We will be exploring the Jewish religion and learning about different beliefs and customs and celebrations within the religion.

## INFORMATION

- PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that children bring in PE kits and that all items are named.
- Please help your child become more independent and practise taking socks and shoes on and off at home.
- Handwriting is one of our focus areas this half term, please spend time at home with your child practising letter formation, we will start to introduce the pre-cursive during the next half term.