

## Maths

This term we will be focusing on **place value (within 10)** and **addition and subtraction (within 10)** to really consolidate our learning in these areas. Throughout the year, we will also be focusing on counting in **2s, 5s and 10s**, **number bonds to 10** and **number writing**. It would be great if you are able to support your child with this at home.

## Term 1 Newsletter

### Welcome to Sycamore Class!

## Topic

### **Kings and Queens**

We will learn all about our new King as well as Queen Elizabeth II. We will compare British kings and queens throughout history and learn about the countries in the UK too.



## English

In English we are beginning with a focus on **stories in familiar settings** and our first story is 'Dogger'. We will then focus on **comparing fiction and non-fiction** texts and writing labels, lists and captions.

## Art

### **Colour chaos**

We will be experimenting with colour in different ways and looking at artists who use vibrant colour including Kandinsky and Pollock, as well as thinking about Holi, the festival of colours.

## sycamore tree



## Music

### **Ourselves - exploring sounds**

We will explore ways of using our voices expressively and develop skills of singing whilst performing actions.

### **Seasons - pitch**

We will develop our understanding of pitch through singing and percussion.

## R.E

In Religious Education, we are learning all about Christians and their belief in God. Our 'big question' for this term is '**What do Christians believe God is like?**' In this unit we learn about the parable of the lost son and what the story means to Christians.

## Science

### **Seasonal change**

We will introduce this topic by describing and observing the changes of weather associated with the seasons and set up a weather station in our outside area.

## Computing

### **Technology around us**

We will develop our understanding of technology and how it can help us in our everyday lives.

## PSHE

Our first topic in PSHE is called '**being me in my world**'. We will think about how special we are and how we belong. We will also talk about the responsibilities we have in our class and focus on feeling proud of ourselves.

## P.E

Our P.E days this term will be **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Our focus will be on **athletics** and specifically throwing and catching.





### Welcome

Welcome to the first term of year 1 in Sycamore class! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and are feeling excited for the new school year. If you are new to Guston School we are delighted for you to become a part of our school community. We can't wait to support you all in your transition into year 1 and welcome you into our new class.

Please keep an eye on our website for photos of our learning throughout the term.

Miss Gower



### P.E

For our first term we will be having P.E on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Please can children come into school wearing their P.E kit on these days. Thank you.

### Our Year 1 Team

Hello, my name is Miss Gower and I am very excited to be the teacher of Sycamore class! I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children throughout the year. If you ever have any questions please feel free to speak to me or our lovely TA's Miss Johnson and Mrs Tobbler at the gate before or after school. Alternatively you could contact me over the phone or drop me an email. I will always be happy to help in any way I can.

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### Home learning

We will send home some additional learning on **Fridays** to help children consolidate their learning. We appreciate your support with this!

### Reading

We love reading in Sycamore class and would love for you to help support us in our reading journey! Each child will be sent home with a reading book every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** in their reading packet. This will be a book they will be able to read independently using their phonics knowledge and we want to encourage them to 'blend in their head' when possible. We will change the books when they have been read so please remember to **write in their reading record** to ensure the books are changed. Each child will also choose a picture book they can share with an adult from our class library every day for you to read to them and encourage their joy of reading.

Once they return their chosen book they can then choose another to take home.

### Water bottles and snacks

Please make sure children have a **named water bottle** in school every day. We will send them home each day to be washed and refilled. Children will all be provided with fruit at snack time, however if you wish you can provide them with a healthy snack from home.

