



Welcome to Sycamore Class!

As you know your child's class teacher is Miss Wren.
Mr Playfer and Mrs Fyles will support in Sycamore Class.

There are lots of exciting things to look forward over the course of the year but also a lot of hard work to be done! We are looking forward to continuing to see the children flourish and being proud of their achievements.

Curriculum

Please look on our school website: www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk to view our curriculum map and see what we will be learning about each term. If you do not have access to the internet then please see a member of the team.

PE and Forest School

Sycamore class will have PE on Thursday and Friday (Year 4 pupils will swim for their PE lesson on Thursdays) in Autumn 1. Please ensure that your child comes into school with their PE kit in a bag that can be kept on their peg. Children will get changed within school. Long hair must always be tied back and all earrings need to be removed for PE.

Forest School, incorporating PSHE, will be delivered on a Thursday afternoon – please see the dates on the newsletter sent out before the Summer holidays. Children should wear uniform in the morning and bring clothes suitable for Forest School to get changed into, we will be outside whatever the weather and probably getting dirty so old clothes, another coat, suitable footwear (walking boots, wellies or old trainers) and a bag to bring dirty clothes and footwear home will be required.

Reading

At St James' Lanehead we love reading and want to encourage children to love reading too. The children will be given the opportunity to select a free choice book from the class library to read in school and this will be their 'reading for pleasure' book which will be kept in school. We also complete guided reading sessions daily. Children will be provided with a home reading book and a reading journal. We ask that you read with your child every day, even if it is a couple of pages! When you have read with your child, please write a short comment in their reading journal. Your son/daughter should bring their home reading book into school every day and place it in the reading tray. We will check reading journals every day to ensure books are changed promptly. Please write in the reading journal when the book has been completed and a new reading book will be sent home. We thank you in advance for your assistance in supporting your child's enjoyment and progress in reading. In



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In addition to reading the words in the book, it will support your child in their reading if you discuss the story, characters or the facts and ask questions about what they have read. We will be carrying out many activities in class linked to the effective vocabulary used by authors, discussing the effect this has on them as a reader. Therefore, it will help your son/daughter if you can also do this at home. We encourage children to read a range of books so if you have books at home or you visit the library, please feel free to comment in your child's reading journal about what they have read. We will listen to the children read within school, this is carried out throughout the day through the different subjects taught and on a 1:1 basis; some children will be listened to daily but we will aim to listen to all children at least once a week and record this in their reading records.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling / Times Tables

We carry out GPS sessions every day and sometimes children will be sent specific tasks related to their learning for homework. TT Rockstars is a great tool to support the important times tables, please support your child in using this to help them become more confident with their knowledge of these or increase their speed, as this knowledge of multiplication and division facts is vital to so many aspects of maths.

Homework

Children will be given homework linked to the curriculum. Homework is an important part of your child's learning journey. Children will receive weekly homework which will be linked to the learning that has taken place in class. Homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be completed for the following Wednesday.

We hope your child will enjoy being a member of Sycamore Class and if you need clarification about anything please do not hesitate to ask.

Information can be viewed on our school website at www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk. Please keep looking at our class page where our learning will be regularly updated!

Thank you for your support and co-operation,

Miss Wren, Mr Playfer and Mrs Fyles.



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