

This term...

English	Pandora Counting on Katherine/ Hidden Figures Greek Mythology Christmas Stories and Poetry
Maths	See separate sheet on Seesaw with objectives
Science	Space and Electricity
History/ Geography	Ancient Greece
Art and Design	Space: watercolours, rising earth, abstract art
Design and Technology	Textiles
Computing	Year 5: Computing systems and networks – Sharing information and Creating media – Video editing Year 6: Computing systems and networks – Communication and Creating media – Web page creation
PE	Tag Rugby      Football High 5              Dance
RE	What does it mean if God is holy and loving? What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?
PSHE	How can we keep healthy as we grow?
MFL—French	Alphabet Places in the town centre and clothes that we wear.
Music	Space and Ancient Greece themed lessons using vocals, instruments and listening to music.

# Sycamore Newsletter

## Autumn 2025



I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer; welcome back to school. This year we have 34 pupils in Sycamore Class; 13 Y5 pupils and 21 Y6 pupils.

We've got a great first term planned for the children with lots of exciting and engaging activities to enthuse and enthrall! I have included our class timetable and coverage within the newsletter.

Our children will be studying 'Space' through Science and we have planned a visit to Xplore! Science museum in Wrexham in early October where we will engage in 2 workshops and the hands-on exhibits (details to follow on the app).

Year 6 have Bilkeability week commencing 22nd September—more info to follow.

Sycamore teaching team remains the same, Mrs Hughes, Mr Dean, Mrs Gadd and I are looking forward to working with the children and families.

## Welcome to Sycamore Autumn 2025

Seesaw is a key form of communication in Sycamore Class, here we share learning from the classroom as well as sending reminders and requests. Please check frequently and encourage your children to check—it is a great skill to develop ready for Secondary school. If you require a new login please ask a member of the Sycamore team.

One of the main aims of this class is to prepare the children for their move to secondary school. Therefore, we encourage the children to take responsibility for themselves by...

- Wear/ Remember their correct, school PE kit (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Returning homework and spellings on time (Wednesday)
- Checking Seesaw
- Ordering hot dinners and packed lunches
- Look after their belongings and keeping their areas tidy
- Bring a water bottle and snacks daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fluent in 5	Fluent in 5	Fluent in 5	F5	FS Guided Reading
English	English	Maths	English	English/ SPAG
Singing Worship	Clergy Worship	Class Worship/ Spellings	KS Worship	Golden Book
Break				
Maths	Maths	PE - STJC	Maths	Maths
Lunch				
Guided Reading/ IS	Guided Reading / IS	Guided Reading / IS	Guided Reading/ IS	Guided Reading/ IS
Science	Computing	History or Geography	RE	French
	PE	Art/ DT	PSHE	Golden Time
Class Novel and Round Up	Class Novel and Round Up	Class Novel and Round Up	Class Novel and Round Up	Class Novel and Round Up

## Homework

Homework has been under review (thank you for your input) and our new policy is almost ready to share with you with more detail. Here are the main outcomes which we will be following this year:

### Reading

We expect children to read a minimum of 3x per week at home and have their reading record signed by an adult when heard. This will be checked weekly on a **Wednesday**.

*Regular reading at home not only reinforces the skills taught in school but also helps to build a love of reading, expand vocabulary, and improve comprehension — all of which are essential for long-term academic success.*

### Spelling

Children will be expected to use the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method in their spelling journal 3x weekly with given spellings. This will be checked on a **Wednesday** and new spellings set on a **Thursday**. Emile will be an additional spelling tool to use at home if you wish.

*Spelling is important because it helps our children become clear and confident communicators in writing, supports the development of reading and vocabulary, frees up working memory for higher-level writing tasks, and builds a fundamental skill for success in their future education and professional lives.*

### TTRS

Children will be expected to complete 5 games weekly on a directed task on TTRS which will be reviewed each **Wednesday**.

*Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is for mastering multiplication and division facts up to 12x12, helping children achieve speed and accuracy in their times tables through games, thus increasing mental fluency.*

In addition to our weekly homework strategy, a creative task will be set termly based on classroom learning.