

Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another term!

I hope that everyone is ready for the new term. We have a very short term but lots of exciting learning to do.

I can't wait to see all that you can achieve this term.

Mrs Theakston

**PE:** This term we will be practicing and learning dance skills. Our focus will be:

**Time-** Listen to the beat of the music and move my body in time to it

**Control-** Perform fast or slow actions with control when dancing.

**Relationships-** Dance at the same time as my partner/group.

**Space-** Use different levels in a dance, travel in a variety of ways and directions

**Dynamics-** Change the speed of the action/movement in dance.

**Stimulus-** Respond imaginatively to a story/theme and explore movements.

**PSHE: Diverse Britain**

This unit is inspired by the positive effect we can each have on the groups and communities to which we belong. We will discuss: communities; being good neighbours; looking after the local environment. The theme of respect and kindness is central to all learning in this unit as we explore diversity across our society.

**Be Yourself**

This unit is inspired by the idea that being comfortable and confident with yourself can support positive mental health and wellbeing. We explore our positive qualities and our individuality. We discuss the different feelings people experience and consider strategies for managing uncomfortable emotions.

**DT:** Our project for this term teaches children about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move. During the project children will be given an opportunity to design, make and evaluate their own moving vehicles.

**Computing:** This term we will be learning how to make and find different files and creating a program on Junior Scratch.



**RE:** In RE we will be exploring the question,

What makes some places sacred to believers?  
Christians  
& Muslims

Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Salvation)



**Geography:** Our main topic for this term is 'Bright Lights and Big cities'. In this topic the class will be learning about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London.

**English:** This term, our focus text is, 'The Lion inside'. Writing outcome: To write a story about a small animal (mouse) who befriends a large animal in the African savannah.



**Maths:** This term in Maths Sycamore Class will be exploring all different aspects to maths, these include:

- Multiplication - 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Addition and subtraction.
- Length and Height
- Statistics



**Art:** linking to our Science topic, this term in Art we will be learning about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif to make single and repeated prints and will be using our skills to represent weather symbols.



**Science:** This term we will be learning about the seasons, seasonal changes and typical seasonal weather and events. We will learn about measuring the weather and the role of a meteorologist and begin to learn about the science of day and night and recognise that day lengths vary in the UK.

**Music:** This term in music Sycamore Class will be exploring the musical genre of Blues. The children will have opportunity to create their own music using instruments.

