



Welcome to Sycamore Class!



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have all made a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled into Sycamore class incredibly well. If you or your child feel that there is anything you would like to discuss with me, our class email inbox is always open. You can email the class address on sycamoreclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk or phone through to the school office and I'll give you a call back as soon as I can.



Classroom Setup

I am the teacher in Sycamore Class. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Kerslake, Mrs Shirlow and Miss Rundle working with us throughout the week. We aim to create a safe, happy and fun

learning environment. All learning takes place as a whole class, with the exception of Maths and Spellings which are taught in year groups.

Topic: Our topic for the first six weeks of the Autumn Term is *Metal, Magnets and The Iron Age*. Please find attached our learning leaflet which outlines all of the areas of the curriculum we will be covering this half term.



Class novel: Our class novel is *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes.

Outdoor Learning and PE

Our PE lessons take place on a **Monday** with Mrs Doble, when all children should come into school wearing their PE kits.

This half term we have Outdoor Learning with Miss Rundle on these **Wednesday afternoons in September: 15th, 22nd, 29th**. This can often get muddy so please remember to send your child in appropriate/old clothing!

Reading Records and Books

We no longer have to quarantine books that have been brought in from school. Therefore, your child will bring home their reading book and reading record every day. Children will have the same reading book at home and in school, so it is really important that they remember to bring it in their rucksack or book bag every day. It is expected that every child reads at home at least four times a week and records each reading session in their reading record. We will record any in-school individual reading the children do. The children take part in guided reading throughout the week, but this is not recorded in the home-school book.



Spellings

All children will be sent home with weekly spelling practice sheets to allow them to learn the relevant words for the week.

Rule words will be tested in school on a **MONDAY** and common exception (Red words for Year 2 and Orange words for Year 3) will be tested on a **FRIDAY**. Please ensure that your child spends some time practicing their spellings every night.

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This is not compulsory but is a fab way to learn times tables in a fun way. All children have a login – this should be stuck on the inside of their reading records.

General housekeeping:

- Ensure all jumpers, cardigans and coats are named.
- Hair to be tied back please.
- If your child is a Year 2, they are entitled to free fruit at playtime. Year 3s will need to bring in their own fruit snack.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards and very best wishes,
Miss Emily Tonkin