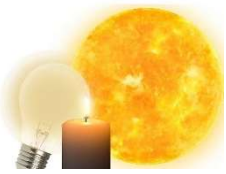
Sutton Bonington Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Sycamore Class! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the exciting year ahead. We are really looking forward to getting to know the children and making memories together this year. They have already been busy over the past few days learning about our school values and the legacy they can leave in their final year.


Topic

In Autumn 1, our Geography topic will be *'How is our world changing?'* Within this topic, your child will learn about how people, places and environments are interconnected. They will be able to identify different positional features of the Earth and explore the effects of global trade and migration. Children will also discuss the causes and effects of climate change.

In Autumn 2, we will have a History-based topic answering the question *'What happened to the Mayan Empire?'* Within this topic, children will explore the ancient civilisation of the Maya and interpret artefacts to discuss the importance of this period in history.

In Science, we will look at *'Light'* in the first half-term. Within this topic, we will identify light sources and learn how light travels in straight lines. Your child will also learn about shadows, reflection and refraction, and look at how light pollution can negatively affect our environment. Children will also explore the concept of colour and learn about the work of Sir Isaac Newton.

In Autumn 2, we will look at *'Classification'*. Your child will discover how organisms can be arranged into groups and learn what classification means. We will also investigate how vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and microorganisms can be classified.

This term, we will also have a weekly workshop with D.A.R.T. for a period of 10 weeks, providing life skills education. The children will complete a project report to demonstrate their understanding of the programme.

Things to Remember

In Year 6, all of the equipment that the children need will be provided in school, so we kindly ask that children do not bring any additional personal items or toys from home.

Children should bring their book bag containing their reading book and diary. Water bottles should also be brought in for use throughout the day. Please make sure these are filled with water and clearly labelled. We also ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled to reduce the chances of them getting lost.

PE Days

Sycamore Class's PE days will be Wednesdays with our sports coach, Mr Radford, for the first half-term, and Fridays with Mrs Stevens. Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days and make sure all items are clearly labelled.

Reading Books

Your child has now chosen a reading book matched to their reading level. These have been allocated using their end-of-year assessment information from Year 5.

Children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week for at least 10 minutes. Please record each reading session in their reading diary. Children will have the opportunity to change their books regularly.

Homework

Following on from last year, children will continue to receive a half-termly homework grid containing tasks for Reading, Maths, Spelling and Curriculum. Please see the separate grid attached.

During spelling lessons, children will investigate a different spelling rule or pattern and are encouraged to share their learning at home and continue investigating the morphology of words.

Login details for Times Tables Rock Stars will be re-sent, along with details of a new DoodleMaths account and the knowledge organiser for our Geography topic.

Values

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us in school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Stevens and Mrs McRobie