



Welcome back! I hope you all managed to have a wonderful summer break. I am really looking forward to the year ahead!

Staffing

The adults in Sycamore class will be myself (Miss Shaw), Mrs Prewett who will be supporting the children on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Fowler who will be in Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Reading Books

It is so important that your child reads at home on a regular basis, this supports them in everyday school life and beyond into their adult years. All children will have an Oxford Reading Buddy book to take home, children can then complete the online quiz (logins in their reading records) about the book once they have finished reading. Children will also choose a book from the school library or class bookshelf, this is to promote a love of reading which I hope all the children will engage with. All reading should be logged in your child's reading record that they will be bringing home in the first week.

Homework

Homework will include weekly spellings and time spent practising times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars – fluency in times tables facts is the most important skill that will help your child to be efficient and progress in mathematics. Homework books will go home on a Friday and will be handed back in on the following Friday, spellings quizzes will also take place the same day.

P.E.

This term P.E will be on **Thursdays**. Children should come into school wearing their school P.E kit on these days. As the days get colder children can wear black leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a red school jumper.

Presentations

As in previous years, children will have the opportunity to present to their peers on a topic of their choosing. The presentations needn't last longer than 5 minutes and can include props, images, video clips or powerpoint slides. Hopefully this experience will help the children to build confidence in the skills needed to speak with authority on subjects they are passionate about. All children will have the opportunity to complete a second presentation in the spring term. Your child will be given their presentation date within the next couple of weeks.

Key Dates for this half term

Monday 16th September – First swimming session

Thursday 24th October – Space Dome Visit at West Monkton Primary School

Monday 16th December – Last swimming session

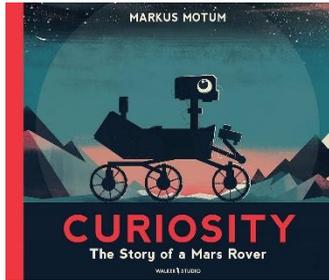
With best wishes,
Miss Shaw



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'Curiosity - The Story of a Mars Rover' by Markus Motum will be our class text this half term. We will use this book to support our writing to produce a diary entry!

We will also have a class read aloud which I will read to the children each day. This will be decided by the children through a vote on the first day back.



Science and Technology

Our topic this half term is Earth and Space. We will be looking at our Solar System, The Sun, The Moon, Night and Day and Movement of Earth. We will also be visiting a Space Dome which will be an amazing opportunity for the children to round off their knowledge and topic at the end of this half term.



Arts & Creativity

We will be looking at the artist Vincent Van-Gogh and his famous 'Starry Night' piece. Linking to our 'Earth and Space' topic this half term, the children will be making their own galaxy swirls!



Mathematics



We will develop our understanding of number and place value as well as our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will work with numbers up to one million, reading, writing, ordering and comparing them. We will start with looking at roman numerals and end with rounding.

PSHE

Our School theme for this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be thinking about and setting goals for the year ahead. How we can contribute to being global citizens and discussing and designing a class charter.

Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is 'Would you like to live in a desert? We will be looking at where deserts are located, their physical features, how people use them and what threats there are to them.'

Physical Development

We will learn skills associated with Football. We will explore passing, dribbling, shooting, positioning and team tactics for attacking and defending.



Faith & Belief

Our school value is **Responsibility.**



We will be looking at Christianity. Our question will be: What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

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