



# SYCAMORE NEWSLETTER-AUTUMN 1

*Journeying together with God*



Welcome to Sycamore class! We hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to getting settled into a new year and getting to know you all. The children will be learning lots of exciting, new things and we are looking forward to see each child thrive on their learning journey. The staff who will be working regularly in Sycamore class will be Miss Carter, Miss Hastings, Miss Kittsen, Miss Simpson and Mrs Akhondi.

## THEME AND BIG QUESTION

***The Vikings***

**Big Question:**

**Were the Vikings ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?**

## OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS...

**COURAGE**

## NOTICES

Please ensure that you and your child have access to Seesaw and check it regularly. Please also ensure you have access to Arbor



## KEY DATES



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Jorvik trip

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Individual photos in school

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**- Parents' Evening - 3.30-7.00pm

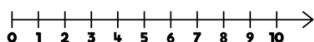
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Break up for half-term

## MATHS



The children will be following Oak Academy for maths. This half-term we will be concentrating on:

- Understanding tenths as part of the whole
- Composing and calculating within decimals including column addition and subtraction
- Understanding hundredths as parts of a whole and represent
- Using knowledge of decimals to solve problems in different contexts: length
- Understanding and using negative numbers



## ENGLISH

In English we will be...

- Reading the book, 'Odd & the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman which links to our topic 'Ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?'
- We will be completing various writing tasks inspired by the story including writing a speech to persuade The Frost Giant to leave Asgard and writing a Viking myth.
- Developing our reading comprehension through discussion and questioning.



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## SCIENCE



### Forces

**Big question:** How do things move?

We will investigate what forces are and how they are measured. We will look at gravity and the effect it had on unsupported objects. We will also investigate the effects of friction and air and water resistance.

## RE



### Judaism

We will explore what it means for a Jewish person to follow God.

## PSHE



### One Life- We are happy

The lessons will build on children's understanding of themselves and will build their self awareness. We will look at how we look at ourselves and how we build friendships and look after our physical well being with food and nutrition.

## DT



### Mechanisms



We will create a functional four-page pop-up storybook design, using lever, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms.

## PE



Our P.E days for this year will be Mondays and Wednesdays. Monday will be athletic skills and will be indoor PE and Wednesday will be outdoor PE and will focus on orienteering skills. On PE days, children can come to school in their PE kit, but this must follow the PE kit expectations (this can be found on the school website).

## READING

We will be focusing on different reading skills whilst reading our class book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. These will include: exploring the vocabulary used, making inferences, predicting what will happen next, explaining meaning, retrieving information from the text and summarizing sections of information.



## HOME LEARNING



Homework is handed out on a Friday and collected in on the following Monday. Please ensure that homework is completed in pencil and well-presented when in the homework book.

It is encouraged that children regularly access TTRockstars independently to improve fluency and accuracy. Children should also be reading regularly at home, even if they are a fluent reader.

## COMMUNICATION

 **Seesaw**

- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly. We will give you a new log in for your child to access their new Y5 online journal.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y6 and school.



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