

Sycamore and Acacia Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Curriculum Information

Welcome to Japan

This term we will be learning about the history of this ancient country. We will study the place Japan has in the modern world and the impact it has on popular culture.

In English, we will study, analyse and create a range of Japanese poems, including haikus. This will help the children to learn about and experience Japanese literature and its many styles.

We will also learn about balanced arguments in our written work, using nuclear weapons and power as the main discussion point for this. The children will gain a deeper understanding of how and why nuclear weapons were used, as well as a general overview of the Second World War.

This will lead us onto more recent

historical events and changes to Japan since the end of World War Two.

Both classes will also explore a range of traditional Japanese art forms including origami. We will also look at the impact of extreme weather on Japan and how they protect themselves from this.

We will also be organising the traditional mini-fundraising event, the Autumn Fayre. More information to follow closer to the time.

Resources

If you have any resources linked to our topic of Japan that you think would be useful and don't mind sharing with us, that would be much appreciated. This could include books, artefacts, models etc.



Thank you to all those parents who have labelled children's property; it makes our lives so much easier at the end of the day. If you haven't yet had chance to do this, it would be very much appreciated.

Sycamore Class Year 5

Mrs Easingwood
Mrs Noble & Mrs Clarke

PE - Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Spellings - Given out on Fridays and tested on the following Friday.

Guitars - Some children in Year 5 will be continuing to learn the guitar this year on a Thursday morning with Mr Thurlow. Guitars will be allocated to the children that have opted to continue once lessons commence.

Reading Books - Children have now chosen books from the library, and will take them home each evening to read. Please can you ensure that they return to school each morning for them to use in class.

Acacia Class Year 6

Mr Murphy
Mrs Reading

PE - Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Spellings - Given out on Fridays and tested on the following Friday.

Guitars - Some children in Year 6 will be continuing to learn the guitar this year on a Thursday morning with Mr Thurlow. Guitars will be allocated to the children that have opted to continue once lessons commence.

Reading Books - Children have now chosen books from the library, and will take them home each evening to read. Please can you ensure that they return to school each morning for them to use in class along with their own reading material if appropriate.

Homework

Reading

Children will be expected to read at least three times a week. This could be to an adult or an older sibling if needed and should be recorded in their home-school diary or signed off by an adult if they are a free reader. Team points will be rewarded for their efforts.

Reading doesn't have to be just from their school reading book. Other material is also encouraged such as e-books, newspapers, recipes, magazines or non-fiction books.

Spellings

Children will be given weekly spellings to learn, which will be stuck or copied into the home-school diaries. Children will be tested every Friday.

Spellings will be a mixture of common exception words, topic words and National Curriculum words.

Mathematics

Children should continue to learn their times tables up to 12x12, especially those that they find difficult. Children will time themselves once a week in school using the times tables grids.

Year 6 children at times may be given additional work in preparation for SATs:

Creative Homework

Below is a selection of different homework ideas linked to this term's topic of Japan. Children can choose which activity they would like to complete for each deadline. The following are only suggestions, so children can be creative in how they are presented. However, please ensure that both of the tasks marked with a smiley face are completed over the course of the three deadlines.

You will need to complete **three** of these tasks over this half term. One piece should be handed in on each of the following dates: Friday 14th September, Friday 28th September and Friday 12th October. We are happy for parents to get involved and have fun!

<p>Purple Mash 😊</p> <p>Log on to Purple Mash (Login details have been stuck in to Home School Diaries) and follow your "to-do" to create an informative leaflet about Tokyo.</p>	<p>Mount Fuji</p> <p>Make a 3D model of Mount Fuji – using any materials or method you wish. You can take photographs of the model and write the steps you used if you wish.</p>	<p>Japanese Food</p> <p>Japanese lunch boxes (bento) have many different sections for different types of food. Design and make your own bento with sections for different food groups (fruit + veg, dairy etc).</p>
<p>MyMaths 😊</p> <p>Log on to MyMaths (Login details have been stuck in to Home School Diaries) and complete the tasks set by your teacher.</p>	<p>Samurai</p> <p>The Samurai are ancient warriors from Japan. Research the history of the Samurai and their belief system and create a presentation (powerpoint, poster, artwork) displaying the key themes.</p>	<p>Own Task</p> <p>Choose your own task! This could be writing, maths, art, DT, music etc. You may choose to do whatever you wish but it must be related to Japan.</p>