



Welcome to Sycamore Class

Welcome to a new term at Leeson and the beginning of Year 5. In Sycamore Class we are looking forward to a year full of learning, fun and exploration.

This half term we are ...

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English we have started the term reading Poems by Grace Nichols. We will then be exploring language and style to create our own personal and class poetry. The second part of the half term will be spent reading Odysseus where we will explore the Greek Myths. We will also be revising common spelling strategies. Please remember to help your children revise them for homework.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Maths we start the term by developing the children's understanding of place value. We will be working with numbers up to 1000000! We will then develop methods and strategies for using and applying addition and subtraction. This term we will be revising our times tables. Please remind your child to practise these as much as they can.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In Science we are starting the term studying our bodies and how they are made up of different organs and systems. Initially we will focus on the circulatory system and finding out about our hearts. For the second part of the half term we will investigate the respiratory system.</p>

<p>History</p> 	<p>We are excited to be learning about Ancient Greece in History. We will be learning about the landscape, climate and people that live there today and then stretching back in the past to find out about the great civilisation that lead the way in philosophy, invention, art and architecture.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>In Geography we are learning map reading skills. We will think about symbols, contour lines and keys. During the second part of this term we will be finding out about mountains. Investigating famous landscapes and climates.</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>We will be discovering lots of Artists this term and finding out about how they used colour in their creations. We will use this learning to inform our own artwork. We will also be focusing on a variety of artistic techniques, like shading, sketching and using tone.</p>
<p>P.E</p> 	<p>We have two P.E sessions a week, the first on a Monday with Mr Core and the second on a Thursday afternoon. Please can you make sure that your children have their P.E kit in for all lessons.</p>
<p>Homework</p> 	<p>Homework comes home on a Thursday and needs to be back in school the following Monday. There will be one main piece of work each week alongside a specific focus on times tables and 6 key spellings. These will be tested on a Monday.</p>

We really look forward to getting to know and work with your child this year. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope that your children will enjoy this year and become happy and engaged in their learning.

Please remember to keep reading regularly with your child 😊 and make sure that your child has a water bottle to drink from during the day.

Mrs J. Coleman, Ms Umutoni and Mrs Mitsi