



Welcome to Sycamore Class

Year 5 Weekly Home Learning Expectations & Useful Information

Dear parents and carers,

Homework helps our children **SHINE**. Our homework schedule helps them to do this, and we hope this summary helps make our expectations clear and which days different things are done.

Reading Our whole school reading challenge and expectation is that each child reads a minimum of 4 times a week.	Whole school Reading Challenge Each child has their weekly reads counted each Thursday and certificates/stickers and prizes where applicable are given out each Friday. These are awarded in increments of 50. One read per day is counted (max 7 per week) and they must be recorded and signed by parents in their reading records. When you record reads please leave a comment on how well your child has read and any words they may have struggled with as we do love to hear about how your child is getting on with their reading at home.
Times Tables Rockstars https://ttrockstars.com/	Your child has been provided with a Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) log in. TTRS is designed to help children practice their times tables through a variety of different activities. Each child has their own bespoke heat map which shows how quickly a student answers each times table fact and highlights areas which need practice. We ask that pupils access their account throughout the week at home
Spellings	Your child will bring their Spelling Book home on a Friday with a list of new spelling words. These spelling patterns will be explored in school during the upcoming week. We ask that your pupil completes the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' activity either all in one go or on three separate occasions if they prefer. Pupils are not required to complete the 'Word Meaning' activity at the bottom unless they wish to. We will collect spelling homework in on a Thursday .
Knowledge Organisers	These are sent home termly and contain key knowledge of what is being taught each term and in the topic. We ask that you spend time with your child to learn these facts and key knowledge – questions, pinning it on the fridge, researching to find out more.
ClassDojo	This is a key source of communication with you, so we do recommend that you check it daily to see any messages and get to see some of the learning your child has been busy doing.
Library books Sycamore Class will change their Library books on a Friday but pupils are welcome to visit the library at alternative times if required	Your child has been allocated a colour-banded book to read at home with an adult (banding based on Oxford Owl Reading Scheme). Your child has also selected a 'special book' of interest. This might be a picture book, magazine, fact book or graphic novel that they may wish to share or read independently for pleasure in addition to their banded book. In your child's reading record, please mainly record their banded book.
Communication	If you wish to contact your child's class teacher, this must be through the school office. The office emails is admin.cbjs@qlatrust.org.uk If there is anything urgent for the same day please contact the school office via telephone. They will pass messages to the class teachers. Absence must be phoned through to the school office.
PE	PE days will be Wednesday (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor). Your child should come into school wearing their PE kit. Long hair should be tied back and stud earrings either removed or taped over.

Thank you, as always, for helping our children to **SHINE** and for your support in their learning journey, Please ask or email if you have any questions regarding the above.