



What to expect in Sycamore Year 4

Homework

- Reading- children are expected to read at home as often as possible (at least 4 times per week). Reading should be noted in Homework Planners and signed by an adult at home. Children will be expected to change their reading books independently when they have finished reading their book.
- English homework is sent out on Fridays and due in Wednesdays.
- Weekly spelling lists are sent out at the beginning of each half-term. These will be tested on a Tuesday.
- 'Maths in Minutes' is sent home Monday-Thursday. This is intended as no more than 5-10 minutes problem solving, which children will follow up in maths lessons the following day.
- From time to time there may be homework that is focused on a different area of the curriculum.

Communication

- Teachers are available at the gate at the end of the day so that a very brief messages can be passed over. Anything beyond a brief message can be discussed through a meeting with the teacher, which can be set up through the school office.
- Homework Planners will be checked by teachers at least weekly. If parents/carers have written a message for the teacher to read, it is expected that the pupil will alerts the teacher to it when they arrive.
- Parents/carers can call or email teachers via the school office. The teacher will respond by the end of the following school day or the office will inform you that a response will take longer and/or arrange another member of staff to call back.
- Please inform the class teacher via the planner or the school office if your child is being by picked up by somebody they don't go home with ie. another parent. Passwords will be used to allow pupil to go with another adult.

Academic expectations for the year

- Homework Planners provide National Curriculum objectives in English and Maths as well as the statutory spelling list. Teachers will highlight knowledge that your child has gained over the year. You can also use these at home to practice and embed knowledge. Curriculum information is provided on the school website. Half termly overviews are sent to parent/carers via email prior to the start of the topics and these are also found on the school website.

Changes from previous year.

- Assemblies will re-commence in the hall. There will be a whole school assembly Celebration Assembly on Friday.

Tests/Assessments

- Children will have a weekly spelling test on a Tuesday.
- There will be weekly times table tests during maths lessons.
- Year 4 children will complete a statutory Times Table check towards the end of the academic year, the results of which are submitted to the DfE but not published like SAT tests in Year 6.
- Classes will complete internal Rising Star tests during Autumn, Spring and Summer terms, which are used to track progress and as a support for teacher assessments.

How parents can support pupils

- Children of all ages are encouraged to read aloud to someone at home. This not only increases reading fluency and speed, but can generate discussions about the text and unknown vocabulary, which will further reinforce your child's understanding.

Additional Information

- School PE kit is to be brought in on Monday and will be sent home on Friday for washing and these should be kept in a blue Calveley drawstring PE bag.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day as they are encouraged to access water throughout the day. NO juice please (unless this is with their packed lunch).
- Please can children only bring into school a small rucksack as there is limited space in the classroom.

Uniform

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge
- Grey trousers/skirt
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black Shoes (no trainers please)
- Blue school badged book bag
- White or grey socks or tights.