

# St. Peter's Academy – Newsletter

## Sycamore Class

### Staff:

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### General news and this week's learning:

Welcome back!

It's time for one of the most chaotic terms in a primary school. . . Autumn 2! We have so much to look forward to and lots more learning to explore. The children came back on Tuesday to a lovely afternoon of designing Christmas cards (never too early in my opinion). We might've even played a Christmas song or two to get us into the spirit.

On Wednesday, we had a very interesting workshop on the importance of a good night of sleep, which even seemed to help me as well as the children! Did you know – cheese being bad before bed is actually a myth!

We then had some good news on Wednesday afternoon. I received a very exciting delivery explaining that all children's poems for the WonderVerse competition have been chosen for publication! You will have received a letter about this. Please login to allow your child's work to be published. It is no problem at all if you or your child do not want their work published, however, they are really proud of their work. More information on purchasing a book will come shortly, however, I will be purchasing one for the class.

Over the next few days, we will be finishing off our first round of SATS practice papers. We have done these in a more relaxed, untimed manner so that the children get a feel for what the tests look like and what will be expected of them in May. I have been amazed at how the children have taken this in their stride and completed them in a calm way. I will be able to share some of these results with you at parents evening if you wish. These can then inform targets for each child moving forward.

Parents Evening letters have been given to all children. Please check bags or remind your child to give you the letter if you do not have one!

This week's learning:

- Maths – Introduction to fractions.
- English – Introduction to new focus text: Beowulf.
- Science – Introduction to Earth and space.
- Art – Colour theory in landscape art.

### Sycamore Class homework:

- Reading – Children should aim to read at least 5 times a week and this can be recorded in the reading section of their school diary. Each read will equal a stamp on their reading loyalty card, which the children can collect. Starbooks themed!
- Spellings – Revision of spellings learnt this term ready for a random dictation activity on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Maths – Equivalent fractions worksheet.
- English – Reading comprehension task focusing on the vocabulary skill.

### Miss Walton's retrieval questions:

Can you tell someone in your family?

- What helps us to get a good night of sleep?
- Can we simplify a fraction with a numerator of 1? Why?
- Share your mnemonic to remember the order of planets in the solar system.

### Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

**Any changes next week?** Luke Party Leaders have their assembly on Monday. Friday is non-uniform day!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Walton 😊