



## Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

### Autumn Term 2



Dear Sycamore Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break and I hope you all enjoyed some important rest and family time. Our first term seemed to fly by, and we are already coming to the end of 2024! The second part of the Autumn term is always busy in the build-up and excitement of Christmas.

Along with this letter you will have been sent the class topic overview so you can support with your child's learning this term. I am also sending out our next lot of Pick and Mix home learning activities. It would be so appreciated if you could encourage and support your child in completing one or two activities each week and we will share the wonderful home learning every Friday together. The children's Pick and Mix learning last term was an absolute pleasure to witness and the classroom environment looked amazing with their unique ideas on display.

As well as Pick and Mix, we also have spellings, reading and times table practice. This is compulsory to complete each week. Spellings will be handed out on a **Monday** and will be tested on the **Friday** at the back of the spelling book so you can see successes and errors.

#### Topic:

Our topic changes to a geographical focus and begins with investigating the Stone Age settlement of Skara Brae. We will then move on to present day settlements by locating villages, towns and cities using maps and atlases to help us answer the bigger question of 'Where do people live and why do they live there?'

#### Science:

As last term, on a Wednesday afternoon, Sycamore class will return to their original year groups for science. Year 3 will be taught by Mr Farmer and will be learning about light. Year 4 will be taught by myself and will be learning about all things electrical!

#### PE:

Our PE slots will continue to take place on a Monday and Thursday afternoons. As stated in previous communication last term, PE kits need to be worn on these set days throughout the whole school day please.

#### Walk Safe:

This week, we have been visited by Wiltshire Walk Safe Team to discuss road safety and the Green Cross Code. Next week, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, our class will be split into groups and have their practical sessions. The practical walking sessions give the opportunity to put the Green Cross Code into practice by getting the children to think about stopping distances, what

the lights on a car mean, how to use different crossings and how to safely cross the roads around the school. The children will have brought a 'Get Ready for the Road' booklet home to share their learning with you.

**Values:**

Our school value this term is Trust. These are the aspects of this value we will be focusing on:

Taking someone at their word  
Relying on someone to support you  
Unbreakable promises  
Showing that you can be **trustworthy**  
Treasuring good friends



Our value class collective worship will be held in the hall at 2.40pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We really hope you can join us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

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Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs dos Santos