

# Celebrating Sycamore class!



**Term:**

**Autumn 2**

*Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break.*

In Sycamore class, we are continuing to work on the topic of 'above and beyond'. So far, the children have enjoyed exploring lots of sensory activities linked to space and we would love to share with you some of the amazing work we did before half term.

In PSHE, we have been exploring different relationships. We have been building relationships with our peers and the adults who support.



In Creative and Expressive Arts, we have been producing space themed art work.



We have been completing lots of TEACCH activities focusing on our own learning goals.



**PE** - We have been practicing balance and agility during these sessions. The hall is set up with the climbing wall, and benches to practice maintaining balance whilst also learning how to climb safely and learning where is appropriate to climb.

**Writing** - We practice mark making daily. This looks different for each learner; some of us are practicing messy mark making by using their hands or feet to explore. Some of us have been practicing tracing our own names using a pen.

**Reading** - We have been enjoying whole class reading sessions either through a sensory story or a story massage linked to space. All learners have a daily 1:1 reading book.

**Maths** - We have been exploring a variety of counting activities in a hands on, sensory way to embed understanding. Attention Autism is used to support the teaching of this, providing learners a stimulating and exciting way to learn!

## Developing our skills

During Autumn term 1, we continued to develop our swimming skills. We go swimming between 2 and 3 times a week. We will also be introducing Rebound therapy (trampolining) as part of our PE curriculum.

We have been working on our handwriting skills by focusing on different sensory fine motor skill activities.

## Community involvement/British Values

Some of our learners went to Par running track to have a go at riding the bikes during Bikeability!



We have been building trusting relationships with all of the staff in Sycamore this term.

## WOW moments:

All of the learners have settled well into the new environment where they are able to readily access a sensory-rich environment. Huge well done to all of the learners in Sycamore!

# Reminders!

## Donations

Please remember to donate some money to Sycamore class if you can via parent pay (£5 is suggested). We use this to help us buy cooking and craft resources. It is always much appreciated, thank you!



## Upcoming events!

**Monday 11th November**- Remembrance Day

**Friday 15th November** - Children in Need

**W/B 18th November** - Anti Bullying Week



## The class team..

Sycamore class is made up of teacher; Max, teaching assistants; Rosina, Rory, Karen, Ruth, Jacob, Rosie, Naomi and midday supervisors Jo and Emma. We also have our fantastic HLTA who spend lots of time in Sycamore which includes Phil (sensory regulation champion), Michelle (communication champion) and Jake (sports champion).

You may see our names in the diary from time to time!

## Next steps in our learning...

This half term we will be continuing to work on becoming familiar with our routines in Sycamore class and expectations.

In Phonics, some of us will be continuing to practice reading cvc words whilst some of us will be familiarising ourselves with instrumental sounds.

Sycamore will continue to work on their recognition of numbers, data handling and 2D shapes, through continuous provision and TEACCH tasks.

## Don't forget...

**PE** - is on a Friday afternoon - please send in a PE kit (shorts and t-shirt).

**Swimming** - We aim to swim at least twice a week, please ensure your child has a kit in school for this day

**Outdoor learning/break times**—please ensure your child has a coat as the weather changes.

**Snacks**- Please remember to provide your child with snacks daily.

**Home communication book** - Please check these daily for any daily updates/reminders.



For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.



## Exploring the outdoors

We spend every Wednesday afternoon in the Polytunnel exploring nature.