

Welcome to Sycamore Class

Teacher: Mr Hall

Support staff: Mrs Stubbs and Ms Hirani





Example of a typical weekly routine

	Session 1 8.55 - 9:30	Session 2 9.30 – 10.30		Session 3 10.45 – 11.15	Session 4 11.15 - 12.00		1.00-1.15	Session 5 1.15 -2.00	Session 6 2.00 – 3.30	
Mon	Library	English	Breaktime 10.30 –10.45	Mental Maths	Maths	Lunchtime 12.00 -1.00	Geography	Music	Geography	Assembly
Tues	Spelling Practice/ dictation/ Reading	English		Mental Maths	Maths		Independent Reading	Computing PPA – Mrs Stubbs to cover	Spanish PPA - Mrs Stubbs to cover	Staff Assembly Rota
Wed	Mental Maths	Maths		Spelling Practice/ activities	English		Teachers reading	PSHE	PE	Assembly in class- Picture News
Thurs	Reading Comprehension	English		Mental Maths	Maths		Independent Reading	Science		Assembly- Picture News/ Values Follow up
Fri	Spelling Test and taught Spelling lesson Grammar/ Writing			Arithmetic and Fluency practise	Maths		Teacher Reading	PE	Art	2:45 Merit Assembly

- Timetables are flexible and are subject to changes.



PE days

PE days for the first half term (Autumn Term A) :

Wednesday – Jag Tag (outdoors)

Friday – Gymnastics (indoors)

These will change throughout the year as we have such a rich and varied PE curriculum and so access to different coaches and sports changes throughout the year.

New PE days will always be stated on half termly newsletter.



Learning

Our learning

The QR link will take you to our knowledge organisers for each subject



This half term our reading and writing will be based around the novel Wonder by RJ Palacio.

In Maths, we will be looking at place value and additive and multiplicative structures with a strong focus on counting in different steps and securing mental calculation strategies.

In our Science lessons we will be learning about animals including humans describing the changes as humans develop to old age .

Our Geography learning will focus on the United Kingdom and on our local town of Bolton. In Computing, we will be looking at Computer Systems and Networks - How the Internet Works.

We will be exploring the question 'For Christians, what kind of king was Jesus?' in RE, and in PSHE, we will be studying 'Healthy Relationships' ((Year 6 will have some sessions delivered by Fort Alice)

In Spanish, we will be learning language for introducing ourselves and greetings (*Me Presento*). Bolton Music Service will be delivering our Music lessons and PE will be jag tag and gymnastics.



Events / wider opportunities examples for Year 5 & 6

- Year 6 will be taking part in Healthy Relationships Workshops with Fort Alice.
- Year 5 will have play leader training.
- Year 5 & 6 will be taking part in the NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe workshops.
- Year 5 & 6 will take part in I'm a Computer Scientist Get Me Out of Here
- Year 5 will take part in the outdoor learning experience Camping at school.
- Year 6 will take part in Robinwood.
- Year 5 will take part in Bikeability.
- Key Stage 2 will be watching a performance of the Peter Pan at the Albert Halls at Christmas.
- Plus many more opportunities throughout the year!



Sporting competitions

- As a school we enter many matches, festivals and tournaments. The majority of events are run by the School Games Partnership, they are predominantly aimed at children in KS2, and the largest percentage of events are targeted at Year 5 and Year 6.
- There is always a limited number of places available
- For competitive events, where possible, we will hold trials in school and those children who are successful will be selected for the event. Where we are unable to do this, we look at performance in PE as well as behaviour in school.
- Where the event is non-competitive, (ASPIRE event) we will ask all the children who would like to be considered and names will be selected out of a hat, these events are just for fun, no scores are recorded and nobody wins.



Communication

Communication about learning and class information

☞ Half termly class newsletters

☞ Weekly school newsletters

☞ Instagram @markland-hill

If you would like to speak to me directly please email office@markland-hill.bolton.sch.uk and put FAO Mr Hall and we will contact you at the earliest opportunity. We are also often available at home-time.



Reading routines / expectations

- ☞ All homework will be noted in reading planners.
- ☞ Please ensure children bring their planners and reading books in to school every day. Replacement cost: £3:50
- ☞ We have a comprehensive approach to reading and reading takes places in many different forms across the curriculum.
- ☞ In KS2, we teach reading comprehension every day. And we individually assess children's reading every four weeks. Reading planners will be stamped to signal that your child has been reading in class - independently, with a teacher and as part of a reading comprehension lesson.



Homework

- ✧ Spellings will be set weekly - these will be stuck into the children's reading diaries.
- ✧ Edshed (spelling shed) will be set linking activities for the children to complete to help learn their spellings
- ✧ In year 6, homework will be set on a Friday on Century Tech and will need to be completed by Wednesday the following week.
- ✧ Children in Year 6 are expected to complete at least 5 nuggets from their personalised Century Pathway in Maths.
- ✧ It is hoped that children will spend approximately 40 minutes at home completing their homework: reading, practising their spellings, completing more nuggets from their Maths pathway. This will set good transitional routines for secondary school where homework is expected to be completed daily or weekly.
- ✧ **From after October Half Term** Year 6 pupils will receive a CGP SATS Buster Ten Minute Test (Book 2) to support their learning and this will be sent home each week.
- ✧ **From the Spring term** Year 6 pupils will also receive Achieve Expected Standard in reading and complete one activity per week.

Any questions?

