



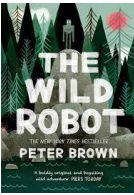
## Sycamore

A very warm welcome back to school to all of our Year 4 children and their families. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready to get back in the swing of things at school. This year, Year 4 will be known as Sycamore class; Mrs Palfreyman is the Year 4 class teacher and Mrs Shamuyarira and Mrs Hahn will be supporting in class too.

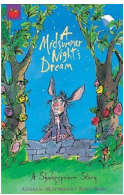
We hope that your child is settling back in well and has enjoyed our first few days. Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to support your child.

This term we will be learning about all things Italy. In the first half of the term, our humanities topic will be Geography based as we explore the human and physical geography of Italy as well as its culture and customs. In the second half the term, we will move on to learning about the Roman Empire and, in particular, its impact on modern Britain.

### English



In the first half term, we will be looking at the book *The Wild Robot* and will be writing a series of diary entries from the perspective of a character.



After half term, we will be exploring Shakespeare through the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We will be focusing on playscripts and narrative writing.

### PE Day — Monday

**PE this year will be on a Monday.** Please can all children come to school dressed in the appropriate clothes (white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a black hoodie, with sports trainers).



### Home Learning

We ask all children to complete the following tasks each week:

- **Reading** - Children should aim to read at least five times per week and log a written response to what they have read in their reading diaries.
- **Times tables** - Children should complete their 5 weekly garage games on Times Table Rockstars and practice their Times Tables weekly on Soundcheck.
- **Maths and English** - On a Friday, children will be bringing home a Maths/English homework sheet in their homework folders. This should be completed and returned by Friday the following week.
- **Spellings** - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.

### Fluency Targets

This term, our fluency targets are focused on securing known times table facts up to 12 x 12.

### Mathematics

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Area
- Multiplication and Division

### Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at friendships and relationships.

Our life skills for this term are learning a parents phone number by heart and wrapping presents.

### Religious Education

This term in RE we are focusing on Christianity where we will be discussing the focus questions:

- Who do Christians believe Jesus is?
- How and why has Christian practice changed over time?

### Science

In Autumn 1, we will be studying Animals including humans. Where will be learning about the different body systems and dental care. In Autumn 2, we will be looking at Electricity and what makes a circuit work.



