

Sycamore Class
Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. Happy New Year! Our topic this term is called 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore.' Our whole topic this term is based around this happy animation that illustrates perfectly how books enrich people's lives. We will be exploring a range of extracts from classic books and poems. The extracts are from: 'The Highway Man' by Alfred Noyes; 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes; 'The Eagle' by Alfred Lord Tennyson; 'As you like it' by Shakespeare; 'Bleak House' by Charles Dickens. The children will be writing and exploring different genres of texts and various elements of the punctuation and grammar curriculum. If your child has copies of any of these texts at home, or other texts by the same author, we would love to share them in class.

Home Learning - Due after half term break - Friday 26th February 2016!

Choose one of the texts we have explored and create a story, piece of artwork or animation!

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just one page. Their books and reading records need to be in everyday for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments book.
Spellings	We will be sending home weekly spelling investigations. They will bring home activities to complete linked to the pattern that they are learning. This learning will be followed up during literacy lesson and through discrete spelling sessions.
Mathematics	Maths homework will be sent out on a Friday and will be due in the following Friday. This should be completed in the children's Maths Homework book. Additional maths homework will be available weekly on the MyMaths website.
Grammar and Punctuation	Grammar and Punctuation practice will be sent home on a fortnightly basis (also on a Friday) children will have 2 weeks to complete this task.

Helping to enrich our topics

If anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, they would be gratefully received.

Reminders - Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water.

PE - Our PE lessons are on a Wednesday and a Thursday, it is essential that children have their PE kits in school on these days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Lewis



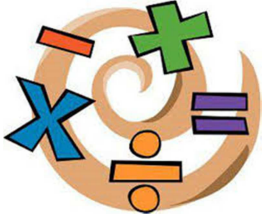
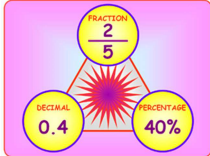

Useful websites during this topic:

<https://www.literacyshed.com/the-flying-books-shed.html>
<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/171940><http://www.teachfind.com/national-strategies/primary-literacy-highwayman-teaching-materials>
google.co.uk/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8

Challenge: Can you find the upside down letter somewhere? Tell me the letter and win a prize!

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore!

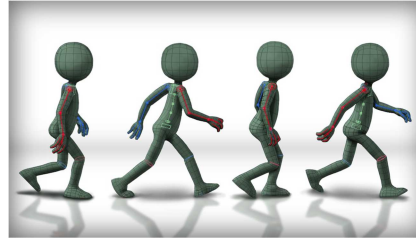
Our Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Lessmore'</p> <p>'Ladels and Jellyspoons'</p> <p>-exploring visual texts -performance poetry</p>	<p>Iron Man</p> <p>-exploring and reading</p> <p>-exploring language</p>	<p>Bleak House</p> <p>-descriptive writing -links to Forest School</p>	<p>The Highwayman</p> <p>The Eagle</p> <p>-exploring and reading</p> <p>-newspaper report</p>	<p>The Day the Crayons Quit</p> <p>-exploring and reading</p> <p>-writing blogs</p>	<p>As You Like It</p> <p>-exploring and reading</p> <p>-playscripts</p>
<p>Numeracy</p> 	<p>Calculation</p> 		<p>Decimals, Fractions and Percentages</p> 	<p>Measures</p> 	<p>Time</p>	

ICT



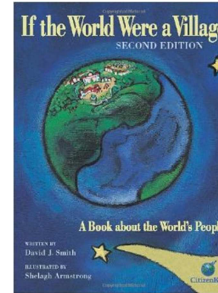
Animation



PSHE



If the World Were A Village



Science



Materials and their properties

Irreversible changes



Fair testing and repeating testing.

Reversible changes



Music

Creating a sound track for the book - 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket



PE

Parkour! Team Building and Leadership!



RE

Hinduism



Questions you can ask your children this term

What era was Dickens born in? Can you name any other Dickens novels?

What is the Highwayman about?

Who was Shakespeare? Can you name any other Shakespearean plays?

What are the different types of sentences?

How, why and when would you use a comma?

How, why and when would you use a semi-colon?

What is the object of a sentence?

What is the subject of a sentence?