



Our first full week back and despite the dreadful weather, the children have remained calm and focused on their learning this week. Sycamore Class braved the rain on Tuesday to go on the first trip of the year to the Roman Baths to support the learning in their history topic on 'The Romans'. They all had a wonderful time and everyone commented on how well behaved the children were - a total credit to the school! See further details and pictures below.

Just a reminder to all Year 4 parents - there will be a camp meeting in the main hall next Tuesday at 4.30pm. We will join the Mendip Outdoor Centre on a live link; they will provide various information about the centre and the trip and there will be the opportunity for you to ask any questions. If you are unable to attend, but will have access to a computer or device at home, we will be able to share the link with you so you can view the meeting.

Finally, the school has signed up to a scheme called Accelerated Reader. Once children have reached a certain fluency level, they will take an on-line quiz to help determine reading ability. All books will be assigned an age level interest and reading difficulty level. After completing a book, children will complete an on-line quiz about what they have read which helps us determine the next steps in their reading journey. This scheme ensures that children are always reading a book that matches their ability. Staff are currently receiving training in the use of Accelerated Reader and we are starting to categorise books. As you can imagine, this is quite a large undertaking so if you have a free hour or two and are willing to come in and help, we'd be very grateful! We are hoping for the big launch after the Easter holidays.

***Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull***

### **Forest School**

We had a great first Forest School session of the year with Maple class on Monday. They listened to the Gruffalo story before making the characters from dough and natural materials that they had foraged for. The children then made owl wings from Christmas tree branches, making up their own 'owl chase' game.

Thank you to all the parents for sending them in with their waterproof gear. Some children did still feel the cold so please can you pack them some gloves and a hat for Monday.





### Sycamore Class visit the Roman Baths



*On a very wet Tuesday Sycamore Class had a very enjoyable day out to The Roman Baths. We decided it was the best place to be in the rain as for a lot of the day we were underground! The morning was spent in the brand new Clore Education Centre which opened in 2022 where the children had the chance to examine artefacts, make mosaic patterns, dress up like a Roman before heading to a wonderful underground space beneath York Street to do some archaeology, build a Roman arch, have a go at using a crane to build a tower and use iPads to scan and identify Roman stones. The afternoon was spent exploring the baths which was absolutely fascinating and the visit ended with an opportunity to taste the slightly warm waters! Some thought the water tasted a little bit like metal and others thought it was the worst taste ever. It was a thoroughly brilliant day out and the children would love to return. Well done Sycamore Class. Please remember that if you are a BANES resident you can visit for free!*

*Sycamore parents - please note that photos will soon be added to our class website.*







## **Certificates of the week**



### **Head Teacher's Award**

Congratulations to Spencer, Toby, Zander, Harry, Freddie and Ethan for receiving the Head Teacher's award this week.

### **Doodle Maths**

Receiving the most stars in Doodle Maths this week are Connie, Reuben, Phoebe, Johannes, Millie and Charlie. The top for Doodle Tables are Connie, Maddie, Gesa, Joshua and Autumn.

Reader of the week is Elsie and  
Playground tidier this week is Thomas.  
Fantastic work!



### **Other Awards**

Molly had passed her Grade 1 piano exam. Erin, Hera, Orla and Alice showed their gymnastic achievements. While Ethan shared his swimming certificates.



### **Can your child recall.....?**

The 'big ideas' in geography

(Answer - physical features, physical processes, human features, human processes, maps and data, interdependence, weather and climate)



**Reminder:**

*This Sunday - 15th January 2023 - is the deadline for Primary Admissions for September 2023.*

**Notices**

- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day. Please note that if you book a meal and then your child brings in a packed lunch on that day you will still be charged for the booked meal if you pay for school lunches, unless your child is ill.
- **Forest School** - Maple Class are having Forest School this term on a Monday. Please ensure they remember to bring their waterproofs and wellies in every Monday this term. Gloves and hats are advisable in this cold weather too. Thank you.
- **Mobile Library** - This will be in the pub car park every other Tuesday 3-4pm. Please make sure that you take advantage of this fantastic resource.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- **School Shoes** - Reminder that if trainers are worn they must be all black. White trim/markings and large logos are not acceptable.
- **Winter Weather** - Please can you ensure that you are sending your child to school with a coat now that the weather is more unpredictable.

**Diary Dates**

Tuesday 17th January  
Wednesday 1st February  
Wednesday 8th February  
Friday 10th February  
Monday 20th February  
Tuesday 21st February  
Saturday 11th March  
Wednesday 15th March  
Thursday 16th March  
Monday 20th March  
22nd- 24th March  
27th - 31st March  
Friday 31st March

Year 4 camp meeting for parents 4.30pm  
Sycamore Class Learning exhibition - 2.30pm  
Rowan Class Learning exhibition - 2.30pm  
Last day of term  
Term 4 begins  
Pancake races  
Clutton bulb show  
Parents Evening 3.30-7pm  
Parents Evening 3.30 - 5pm  
Dance Umbrella @ Bath Forum  
Year 4 Residential @ Mendip Outdoor Centre  
Year 6 Residential @ Little Canada  
End of Term 4