



Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School

Class Name: Sycamore

Year groups: 4 and 5

Welcome back to school.

We are all really looking forward to this year and working with you to support your child. Here is some information about your child's teaching team and the essential things you need to know. We will send out lots of other information and advice over the year. We use google classroom a lot to share information and resources with the children and the class pages on the school website also has lots of useful information.

Teaching Team around your child



Mr Jardine



Miss Garton



Miss Hughes



Mrs Mayers



Mrs Westwood

Useful things to bring each day:

- Learning resources (i.e. target cards)
- Reading book and reading record
- Small pencil case with equipment (school can also provide basic equipment if necessary)
- Water bottle

PE days (school kit to be worn):

Tuesday

KIT

Plain white or school logo t-shirt
Plain navy/black shorts
Plain black/navy joggers
School jumpers/cardigan +waterproof coat

Contact email:

sycamore@malpasalportpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Homework/ reading/ Spellings/ times table expectations:
Online homework will usually be set on a Friday.
This will include:

Year 5:
1/2 activities on 'MyMaths'
1/2 tasks on SPAG.com
TTRockstars
Reading comprehension
Creative choice (ongoing)

Year 4:
TT Rockstars
Creative choice (ongoing)

Things to do every day:

Reading ('Strive for 5') to be recorded in reading record
Spelling practice (see 1/2 termly lists and 'Spelling Spies' card.
X tables (TTRockstars/target cards)

The purpose of the online homework is to help your child get in good routines and become more responsible and independent for their own learning. Regular reading, spelling and x table/maths fluency is essential so that your child feels confident to manage the demands of their curriculum.

This year, we will be moving away from weekly spelling lists and tests. Research suggests that the vast majority of pupils do not benefit from weekly spelling tests as they do not transfer their knowledge used in tests to their writing. At home, we would like you encourage your child to select activities from the Autumn spelling menu to help practise and memorise the statutory words, which can be found on the Spelling Spies' card. We suggest focusing on between 5 and 10 words each week. Over the term, your child may also bring home some target words to practise that they have identified through our daily spelling lessons and also their writing.

As always, we will regularly assess spellings to help identifying areas of need along with giving children time to take charge of their own spelling errors through proofreading or practising words from personal spelling logs.

Main curriculum areas for the Autumn term		
Reading: 50 recommended reads/books lists (these are on our class pages on the website) Writing: Star of Fear, Star of Hope Diary/narrative/recount	Science: Electricity Light Scientific Enquiry	Maths: Power Maths Book A: Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division
History (main focus for Autumn 1) The Impact of War	Art: Typography DT: Cooking and Nutrition	PE: Invasion games including tag rugby and hockey Gymnastics and Athletics Personal Social Health Education: My Happy Minds SCARF: 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Differences'
Computing: Coding: designing and writing programs Staying safe online	Music: Wartime music Vera Lynn Glenn Miller	RE: 5 Pillars of Islam MFL: Greetings

Over the year there will be lots of opportunities for your child to take part in different activities, clubs and competitions as well as opportunities to be leaders.

This year, there will be one 'Star of the Week' for each class. If your child has been chosen, we will give you a call at the end of the week to invite you to come along to the celebration assembly the following Friday at 9am.

If you have any questions over the term, please do not hesitate to contact us by either calling school or via the class email. Please note, we endeavor to respond to emails within 48 hours. Anything urgent, please call the office on 01244 268600.

Kindest regards,

Mr Jardine