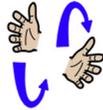


## Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'Seasons', here are some related signs for you to practice.

spring



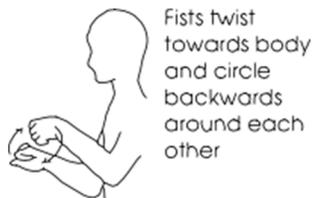
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weather



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



## Sycamore Class Key stage 2 Information for parents Term 2



**Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants:**  
Ruth Fahey (Teacher)  
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### Experiences/visits/visitors:

As part of this exciting topic we will be being visiting the woods to look at seasonal changes.



### Regular events:

PE Enrichment will take place each Monday afternoon and we will swimming. (Please make sure pupils bring in their swimming kits for this day).

Forest school will take place of PE this term Please make sure pupils bring in their outdoor clothes and boots for this day)

## Seasons

### General Information:

Welcome back after half term! We are looking forward to lots of activities linked to our new topic: 'Seasons', and of course getting excited about Christmas—we will be practising our songs to perform to you soon!

### Homework and contact:

Please read and share books with your child every day.

The Home/School Journals are in place for us both to write in so we can keep each other up to date about your children. If you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to one of the team when dropping off or picking up.

### Ideas for home:

- Talk to your child about the changes in the seasons when you are out and about - maybe you could find some conkers
- Look at the weather each day, and watch the weather forecast on television - how accurate is it?
- Look for light sources in your house and environment - are they natural or manmade?

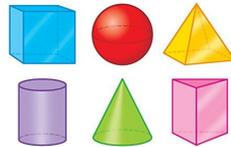
## Literacy and Phonics:

In Literacy we will continue to develop our phonic skills. This term we will be looking at two stories— 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson, and 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming. We will also be looking at newspaper articles and 'Wanted' posters.



## Maths:

In Maths we will be learning about shape. We will be naming and describing a range of 2D and 3D shapes, and using them to make patterns. We will also be learning how to describe position and direction.



## Science:

In Science we will be learning about Light, and the changing seasons. We will explore different light sources (both natural and man-made), and will look at reflection and shadows. We will explore how the world around us changes as the seasons change.



## Computing:

This term we will be continuing to learn about how to be safe online. We will be exploring programs and toys which require directional instructions, such as Beebots.



## Art/Design

Our Art and Design this term will focus on developing a wide range of art and design techniques when using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space, including collages. We will study the work of the artist David Hockney.



## Food Tech

This term we will be making snack such as pizzas, pancakes, and beans on toast. We will also be exploring and making food items linked to different festivals such as Divali, Halloween, and Christmas.



## Geography

In Geography we will be looking at seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. We will be investigating atlases and globes, in order to identify the North and South poles, and locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator.



## PSHE (Personal, social and health education) and RSE

This term we will be exploring our emotions and working on our turn taking skills. We will be learning that it is okay not to win a game, and practising congratulating our friends when they achieve something.



## Physical Education:

Sycamore class will be taking part in Forest School for this term to develop their resilience and promote risk taking. Pupils will also be working as a team to improve communication skills.

## Religious Education:

We will be looking at which times are special and why to Christians, Hindus, and Jewish people. This will include learning about the festivals of Divali, Hannukah, and Christmas.



## PE Enrichment

The pupils will have PE Enrichment on Monday afternoons.

This term we will be going swimming.



## Music

This term the pupils will be learning Christmas songs and rehearsing for our Christmas production.

