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Dear Sycamore class children and parents,

I hope you have had a positive start to 2026 and are looking forward to the sunnier days of spring! We've got a very busy half-term ahead of us with a lot to squeeze in to a few short weeks.

Maths:

We start the half-term with a quick recap on our arithmetic skills to help us with our daily maths sheets this half term. Following this, we'll add to our shape and space knowledge by looking at different lines, turns and angles before moving on to simple fractions. Mr Clayton will continue to apply our developing number skills in weights and measures.

English:

Our next class texts will be "The Morning I met a Whale" by Michael Murpurgo and "Big Blue Whale" by Nicola Davies. Our aim is to use our impressive reading skills to find out as much as we can about these fascinating creatures to write our own reports on their amazing abilities. We will have a writing focus all the tools we can use to write accurately with a variety of sentence structures.

Science:

Our next topic in science is "Making connections – Does hand span affect grip strength?". We will be focusing on using our scientific enquiry skills to answer this question, then writing our own scientific reports to answer this, or our own, scientific enquiry.

History:

In history will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will learn about the achievements and daily life of Ancient Egypt, placing it on a historical timeline and exploring why it is considered one of the world's earliest civilisations. We will discover the importance of the River Nile, the role of the Pharaoh, and the significance of monuments such as the Great Pyramid of Giza. We will explore Ancient Egyptian beliefs, including their views on the afterlife and mummification, as well as how hieroglyphics were used for communication. We will also develop key historical skills such as asking questions about the past, using evidence to draw conclusions, understanding chronology, and comparing Ancient Egypt with other periods of history.

We will be learning about Citizenship in PSHE, creating Egyptian collars in textiles for design, improving our understanding of the components of a computer and developing pentatonic melodies in music. RE will continue to look at the different religions of the world with a focus on what happens if we do wrong and how can use hoy week to reconcile while in French we will be learning about playground games, numbers and ages.

PE DAYS:

PE has changed to Tuesday this half term as we will be taught by Ms Malan. If you are having difficulty in providing a PE kit for your child, then please come and speak to us. It is easier if kits remain in school all week in case of changes.

See you all soon,
Mrs Cheaney and Mr Clayton