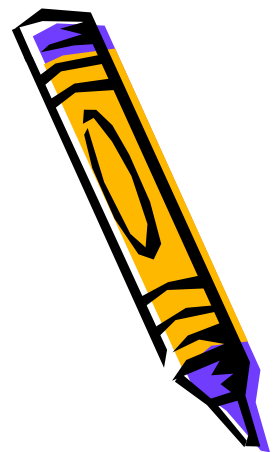




Welcome to  
Sycamore Class



Mrs McCallion is very much looking forward to teaching your child this year. The children in Sycamore class will be supported by our wonderful teaching assistants; Mrs Fox and Miss Zoppi.



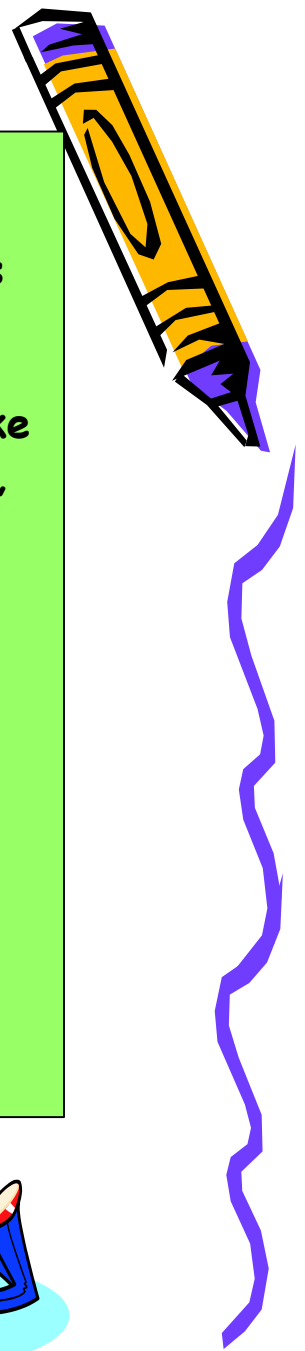
In Sycamore Class the children are expected to:

- ❖ Always try their best.
- ❖ Be kind and considerate to everyone.
- ❖ Read regularly (independently or to an adult) at home.
- ❖ Look after their own things.
- ❖ Make sure that they have the correct equipment for school.
- ❖ Complete homework tasks.
- ❖ Behave sensibly and follow the School Rules .
- ❖ Wear the correct school uniform.



We want to make Year 5 a success for you child. You can help them by:

- ❖ Ensuring that ALL of their possessions; especially fleeces, sweatshirts and jumpers are named and easily identifiable.
- ❖ Encouraging your child's growing independence. Encourage them to take responsibility for what they need each day e.g. planner, reading book, P.E. kit etc.
- ❖ Listening to them read, or ask them about their books and encourage them to read every day.
- ❖ Practising numeracy skills in a friendly and informal way - number games, mental arithmetic and table facts.
- ❖ Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves.
- ❖ Email or raise any concerns or worries you or your child may have.





## Illness

Please ring or email school if your child is unwell and therefore not attending school.

We can give your child medicines with your written permission.

Forms are available from the school office.



# Serious Allergy

We have children in school who have a severe allergic reaction to:

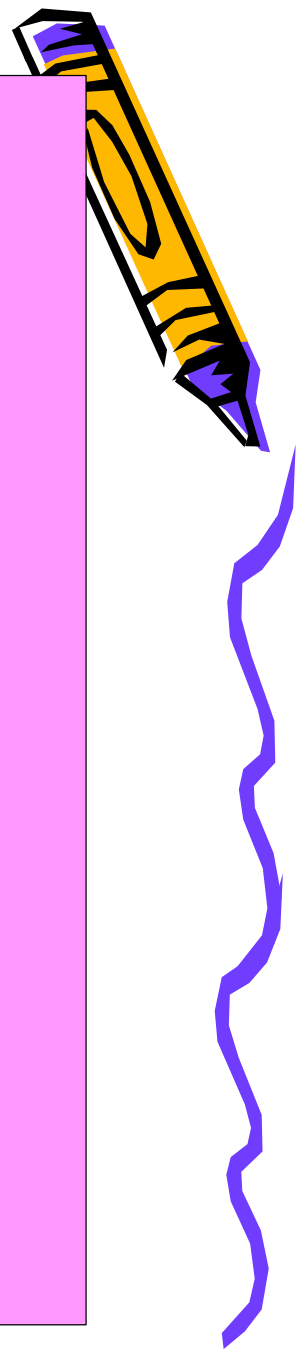
*all nuts, coconut, sweetcorn, chick peas and peas.*

This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of products containing these allergens, cross contamination, touch and breathing in the odour of these products.

***This condition is life threatening.***

To minimise the risk to these children:

- ❖ Avoid giving your child products containing these items but particularly nuts.
- ❖ Avoid giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snack bars containing nuts.
- ❖ Asking your child not to share their lunch.



## Please remember...

- ❖ To avoid disrupting lessons please remember to send your child to school with everything that they will need for the day i.e. coats, hats, bags, reading bags, packed lunch, PE kit and water bottles etc.
- ❖ Home time arrangements should be in place prior to your child arriving at school. We understand that arrangements may change in the event of an emergency, if so, please contact the school office immediately.
- ❖ Appointments during school time will have an impact on your child's attendance. Please try to arrange these outside of school hours in order to keep these to a minimum.
- ❖ If any of your contact details change, please remember to update these with the school office immediately.



### Weekly reminders:

**Swimming: Tuesday**

**PE: Thursday**

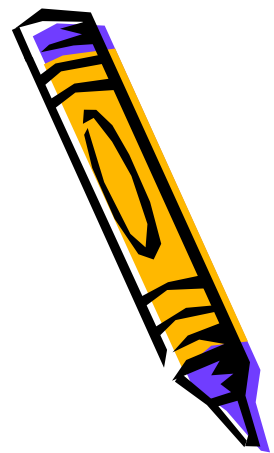
**Spelling test: Friday**

**Homework task completed by: Friday**



## Reading and Homework

- ❖ Please continue to listen/ check your child is reading regularly and sign their planners each week.
- ❖ Children can bring home banded books from school and have the opportunity to change these regularly. They may also wish to bring in a book from home to read. We encourage as much reading as possible as books open up a world of possibility and opportunity. ***"Reading matters. Books ignite the spark of the imagination."*** Teachers will print off the targets that go with your child's current book band and stick these in their planners for you to see. These will be updated as your child moves up through the bands.
- ❖ Each week, children will have a piece of reading homework linked to a grammar element we have been looking at that week. They will also have a set of weekly spellings to learn.
- ❖ Maths homework will be set via Mathletics linked to the present topic. Each child's LOGIN details will be available inside their planners.



### Reading

If your child reads four or more times in a week (recorded in planner) then they earn a **CLASS POINT!**



## PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

**It is vital you apply for free school meals if you are eligible so your child receives this extra funding in school. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following: -**

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**It is very easy to apply. You can register for Pupil Premium Funding by following the instructions below: -**

- Log onto the Nottinghamshire County Council website.
- In the search box type 'Free School Meals'.
- Click on 'Free School Meals and Milk'.
- Scroll down the page and click on 'register and apply online'. This will take you to the citizens portal.
- Register and follow the instructions to apply for free school meals.

**If you do not have access to the internet or have any problems please call into the office and speak to Mrs Beech or Mrs Gibson.**





If you have any queries or concerns about your child's individual needs please email either:



The school office: [office@rylands.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@rylands.notts.sch.uk)  
Mrs McCallion: [kmccallion@rylands.notts.sch.uk](mailto:kmccallion@rylands.notts.sch.uk)

We always want you and your child to feel supported and will deal with emails (in a timely fashion within our working hours) to endeavour to answer your questions and put your mind at rest.

