

# Sycamore Class Suggested Home Learning Tasks

English	
Make a leaflet about something you enjoy. This could be your favourite subject at school, a club you attend or a hobby.	Cook/bake or prepare something and then write instructions on how to make it
Write a diary entry of what you've done over the weekend.	Make your own board game then write some instructions/rules so other people know how to play it.
Read a book and write a book review. Remember to tell people why you liked it and what the main events were.	Invent a new animal or creature. Draw a picture then write about it. Think about their habitat, diet and appearance.
Read a traditional tale e.g. Little Red Riding Hood, The 3 Little Pigs etc. Can you re-write the story from a different characters' point of view? You could even re-write the story and change how it ends.	Write a letter to a friend or family member. You could tell them about what they have been doing, explain your feelings and ask them some questions.
Look out of your window. Write a poem about what you can see. It could be free-verse, kenning or a rhyming poem.	Invent a new food or drinks brand. Create a poster to advertise it and write a script for the TV advert.
Research a place that you have never been to. You could create a travel guide about this place. Think about what the weather is like, the foods people typically eat and what people could do there.	Choose your favourite book or film character and write from their perspective. It could be a letter to another character, a diary entry or a new chapter of the story.
Guidance for Parents/Carers	
<p>When assisting your child with <b>writing</b> tasks you should encourage your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use capital letters correctly</li> <li>• Punctuate their sentences using full stops, exclamation marks, commas and question marks.</li> <li>• Encourage children to use their phonic knowledge to spell unfamiliar words</li> <li>• Use interesting vocabulary including adjectives and adverbs to provide detail.</li> <li>• Write consistently in the correct tense e.g. past, present or future.</li> </ul> <p>When <b>reading</b> with your child, be this a school reading book or a book of their choice, you could discuss the following things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meaning of unknown words – children can be encouraged to look up words in a dictionary or online.</li> <li>• How the characters feel.</li> <li>• Make predictions about what might happen next.</li> <li>• Where the story is set.</li> <li>• Their opinion on the story.</li> <li>• Can they retell the story in their own words?</li> </ul>	

Maths	
Partition as many numbers as you can using a part part whole model. Can you use more than	Practise writing your times tables.

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Use scales to find the weights of different objects around the house. Order them from heaviest to lightest. Convert the weights from grams to kilograms and vice versa.	Choose a number and see if you can find a half and a quarter of each number. Do as many different numbers as you can.
Draw a clock write a time on it that uses half past or o'clock. Draw one clock each day and write what you were doing at that time. Covert the time to digital.	Measure items around the house. You could use a ruler or a tape measure with adult assistance if you have one. Can you compare the lengths of the items? Convert the measurements to a different unit e.g mm to cm, cm to m
Write word problems for your friends/family to solve. You must know the answers too! Example: A eats 39 peas and B eats 86 peas. How many more does B eat than A.	Practice your money skills by setting up a shop in your house. How much will you sell things for? Which will be the most/least expensive? What coins will people use to pay? Do you know how much change they will get?
Go on a number hunt. What numbers can you find around the home? Clue: The kitchen is a good place to start!	Show your adult how to use thousands, hundreds, tens and ones to add and subtract four digit numbers. Make sure you explain how to exchange as well!
<b>Guidance for Parents/Carers</b>	
<p>In Maths, children have been provided with a range of strategies for solving calculations. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counting on and back (addition &amp; subtraction)</li> <li>• Repeated addition (multiplication)</li> <li>• Sharing into equal groups (division)</li> <li>• Organising numbers into hundreds, tens and ones columns</li> </ul> <p>We encourage children to show their working out when there is more than one step to a problem. This enables them to look back at how they got to that answer and spot any mistakes.</p> <p>Your child should be able to explain their methods to you and show you their strategies for solving their calculations. This will not only help you to understand their method but will help children to understand and clarify their own learning.</p>	

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<b>Science</b>	
Research a famous scientist. Write about their life and their contributions to science.	Keep a diary of the food you eat for a week. Is it a balanced diet? What changes could you make to be healthier?
Make a list of objects in your house and write about their properties. What material are they made from? Are they magnetic? Are they transparent, translucent or opaque? What state of matter are they? Can they be more than one?	Take a look in your garden or out of your window. What plants and trees can you see? How is the environment changing as Winter becomes Spring?
<b>Geography/History</b>	
Draw a map of your street or local area. Can you include buildings which are important in your community such as shops or churches? Include compass points and create a key.	Investigate your own history by creating a family tree.
Design your own island. What will the climate be like? What plants will grow there? What animals will live there? What will the population be? What type of island is it?	Research St George's day. Why and when is it celebrated? Can you re-tell the story of St. George and the Dragon?
<b>Music</b>	
Write your own song. You could change the words to a pop song or make up your own.	Listen to different genres of music. Which ones do you like the most? Are any genres similar?
<b>RE</b>	
Research how Easter is celebrated in different countries around the world.	Write your own prayer based on the things you are thankful for.
<b>PSHE</b>	
Create a list of everything your thankful for, e.g. food, your loved ones or the sun coming out to brighten your day. You could keep adding to your list each day.	Make a card for somebody who might not be able to have contact with people for a while. This might be an elderly relative or somebody in a local residential home. You could send the card in the post.
<b>Art/DT</b>	
Sketch portraits of other people in your house. This could be family members or pets.	Use recycled materials to make a sculpture.
<b>PE</b>	
Make up a dance routine to your favourite song. You could even teach other people in your house.	See how many moves you can do in a minute, you could choose from sit-ups, star jumps, tuck jumps or press-ups. Keep seeing if you can beat your score.
<b>Spelling</b>	
How many suffixes and prefixes can you remember? Write out the rule for Swap, Double or Drop.	Practise spelling the Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words from the sheet.
<b>Computing</b>	
Access purplemash.com at home to use any of the programs we have used in class. Your login details are:	

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Username: Login Card has been sent separately

Password:

## Other ideas for quality time at home

Help to prepare meals and snacks for your family.	Build dens, castles and forts then tell your favourite stories sat inside them.
Make a scrapbook of important things in your life.	Create a treasure hunt.
Build an obstacle course.	Have a tea party.
Help out with jobs around the house.	Relax by doing yoga or colouring.
Learn a card trick.	Complete jigsaws and puzzles.
Help younger siblings with their home learning tasks.	Put on a show for the people you live with.
Build amazing Lego creations.	Create your own secret code.

Play games. These might include:

Board games	Simon Says	Dominoes	Charades	What am I?
Hangman	Noughts & Crosses	I Spy	Would you rather?	Bingo

## Useful Websites for Home Learning

[bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk) (maths)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents>

[scholastic.com/learnathome](http://scholastic.com/learnathome)

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

## Suggested Books/Authors to Enjoy

- Aesop's fables
- Roald Dahl Children's Books
- Traditional Tales
- Enid Blyton
- Dick King-Smith
- Anne Fine
- Tom Fletcher
- Charlotte's Web by E.B White
- The Flat Stanley Collection
- Horrid Henry Collection
- The Worst Witch Collection