



Maple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2024

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you and your children had a lovely summer break and they are excited to get stuck into a new school year. We are so impressed by how quickly the children have settled in and are both enjoying getting to know the children better.

GEOGRAPHY - ALL AROUND THE WORLD

This unit allows us to look closely at where the countries of the world are located. The children will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Finally, by looking more closely at the lines of longitude, the children will develop their understanding of time zones.

HISTORY - THE ANGLO-SAXONS

Our history will explore the question; Did the settlement by the Anglo-Saxons make England a better or worse place to live? Following on from the Roman Britain topic in year 3, the children will learn about how Saxon England began, the key events during this period and a comparison of the daily life of a Saxon to that of a Roman.

MATHS

To start the year, we will be focusing on place value, partitioning numbers to 1000 and addition and subtraction techniques. The children will develop a range of strategies including efficient mental methods, jottings and formal written methods to solve addition and subtraction questions.

SCIENCE - LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS

We will be investigating the living things in our local environment and identifying them using branching databases. Using different criteria, we will classify different organisms into groups. Finally, we will explore the dangers to animals both locally and globally and think about what we can do to help.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term, we will be discussing the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' This topic will explore what Christians do because they believe God is Creator and what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today.



READING

This year we will continue to use a range of text extracts to build confidence and fluency reading aloud and develop comprehension skills.

Alongside this, the teacher will be reading *Genie and Teeny* by Steven Lenton as our first class text of the year.



PE

PE is on a Monday and a Wednesday this term. The children can come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please can hair to be tied back and earrings removed. We will start the year with football and tag rugby.

ART - EXPLORING PATTERN

This topic will explore the use of line, shape and colour to create patterns. The children will produce their own repeating pattern designs using folding, cutting and collage.



HOMEWORK

This year, children will be expected to complete the following homework tasks:

~ Reading (daily)

Please encourage your child to read, preferably daily and record in their planners. Pupils are welcome to write this themselves. There is great value in a child reading aloud to an adult, so please build this into your homework time. Reading diaries are required in school everyday to monitor reading and for use in guided reading groups.

~ Spellings (once per week)

Children will bring home a list of spellings to learn and will be tested on them at the end of the week. Spellings can be completed on the sheet provided. This sheet is to be kept at home.

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Regular times tables practice will increase their confidence and speed of recall. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know. Children will be tested once a week in a speed test on their target times tables.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

Mrs Childs and Mrs Ollerenshaw

