



A message from Miss Hawkins

I hope you have had a restful holiday! Please don't hesitate in coming to speak to me if you have any queries regarding Maple 1's learning this half term.

Writing

Kensuke's Kingdom

In Spring 1, Maple 1 will be reading a brilliant book by Michael Morpurgo called 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. They will be using this as inspiration to write our own 'ship's logs' in a diary style.

Orphans Of The Tide

Pupils will explore Orphans of the Tide to learn key journalism skills, building vocabulary and grammar as they create an exciting newspaper report based on the story.

Reading

Each week, children will continue to take part in twice-weekly 'reading theatre' sessions where they will continue to build confidence and skill in reading aloud, developing their pace, fluency, expression, and prosody. In addition, the class will continue to develop their retrieval, inference and predicting skills.

Maths

We will start the spring term with learning about perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes. After that, we will begin a unit about fractions, decimals and percentages and how these correlate. Children will learn how to add, subtract and multiply decimals as well as how to find equivalences.

Science

This half term, we will be learning about 'Earth and Space' will include knowing the order of the planets in our solar system, describing the movement of the moon and how we have day and night on planet Earth.

Spanish

In Spanish, pupils will learn different conversational Spanish, such as asking someone how they are or where they live. We will also learn numbers 1-20.

Art

In art, Maple 1 will be doing a painting unit, where they will learn about, and create examples of, expressionism. We will study the expressionist 'Edvard Munch' and think carefully about how colour can portray mood.

Geography

Our geography learning this all term is all about population! We will use 'Digimaps' to study how climate, biomes, topography and trade links affect population. We will be able to use the terminology of 'densely' and 'sparsely' populated.

PE

PE lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Please send your child to school in PE kit on these days.

On Mondays, Maple 1 will be developing their hockey skills, while on Fridays, they will be doing gymnastics!

Wider curriculum...

PSHE – 'Dreams and goals' – specifically what jobs we might like to do!

Music – African rhythms.

Computing – physical computing

RE - Hinduism