Curriculum newsletter: Autumn 2

Maple 1

Writing

In our writing lesson this half term, we will be using a well-known story 'Beowulf' to inspire us to write our own narratives – with a focus on character description.

We will learn about adverbs for possibility, adverbials for cohesion as well as learning how to use parenthesis to add extra detail to our writing.

Science

In autumn 2, Maple 1 will be learning all about forces and how they act on different objects.
We will also be able to explain that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to



History

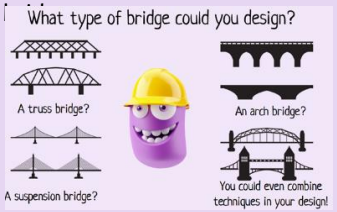
This half term, children will be learning about the Maya. They will learn:
· who the Mayans were
· what they're known for
· what the Mayans believed in
· why Mayan cities were found near good trade routes and farmland

Reading

We will be continuing to read in many contexts throughout autumn 2. Our reading lessons will continue to teach the skills needed to be the best readers, including; predicting, discussing, questioning, inferring and checking for sense within text, as well as weekly comprehension tasks. We will also visit the school library each week for children to choose a book of interest to them.

DT

In Design and Technology, the children will be learning to design, make and evaluate structures in the form of



PE

In PE, Maple 1 will be doing rugby and fitness this half term!

PE days will be Mondays and Tuesdays.

A message from Miss Hawkins:

I am very excited for a new half term in Year 5 to begin!

Please don't hesitate to contact myself, or the school office, with any questions.

Maths

After finishing our unit all about addition and subtraction, we will be moving onto mastering the formal methods for multiplication and division. Once we have secured the methods we will be applying this to solve a range of problems.
After that, we will be starting to look at fractions – including how to add, subtract and multiply them.

Wider curriculum

Music – 'Building blocks of music'
RE – Christianity: incarnation
PSHE – Celebrating Difference
Computing – Sharing information safely
Spanish – Ice creams!

Home learning

Homework will continue to be set every Wednesday and will be due in the following Tuesday. This weekly homework will continue to ask pupils to read at least 3X per week, learn times tables via TTRS, complete a printed spelling practise sheet, as well as complete an oracy task.
There will also be an extended project linked to our wider curriculum.