



**COPPULL ST JOHN'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Maple Class Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term (1) 2023

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
<p><b>English</b></p>	<p><b><u>Reading</u></b> This half term we will be focusing on the story '<b>Lost and Found</b>'. We will be looking carefully at the characters, making predictions about events and also gathering new vocabulary from the story.</p> <p><b><u>Writing</u></b> In writing, we will be focussing on creating sentences including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces with increasing accuracy as well as extended our sentences to include adjectives to create noun phrases. We will carefully say each of our sentences before writing and check our work to make sure it makes sense and included all our writing rules.</p> <p><b><u>Phonics</u></b> We will be following the Supersonic Phonics Friends Scheme, with Starlings focusing on Basics 3, Doves starting with Choose to Use spellings- where we look at alternative spellings for the same sounds and the Owls will start with Switch It sounds- where they may look the same, but they sound different.</p>	<p><b><u>Home reading</u></b> Children can keep a record of the books they are reading in their Monkey themed reading books. Once they have read a whole book they will be given a star in their book. For every ten books they read they will receive a dip in our class prize box. As a class we will be working together to gather rewards for the books we have read.</p> <p><b><u>Spellings</u></b> Please encourage your child to review the spelling lists in their books using the look, cover, write, check method throughout the week. Spellings will be printed and stuck in their books on a Monday morning and they will be tested on Friday. Please can you ensure all Spelling books are back in school on Friday ready for Monday morning.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p><b><u>Place Value</u></b> This half term we will begin by focussing on recognising and writing numbers up to 20 and 100, counting reliably from 0 or any given number, counting objects accurately to make a total and understanding what each of the numerals are worth in one and two-digit numbers and how to represent them.</p> <p><b><u>Addition and Subtraction</u></b> As we become more secure with our numbers, we will move on to solving addition and subtraction number problems using resources and written methods.</p>	<p><b><u>Maths at home!</u></b> Any support at home with the topics outlined here will be invaluable e.g. reinforcing concepts, posing problems for your child to work out, asking them to explain a mathematical term, spotting opportunities to calculate etc.</p> <p><b><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></b> Each child will be provided with a log in for Times Tables Rockstars shortly. Children will be expected to know their 2,3,5 and 10 times tables by the end of KS1 so this app is a brilliant and fun way to help them learn them.</p>

<b>R.E</b>	Our focus this half term is ' <b>God and Creation and Harvest</b> '. We will be looking at the amazing world that God created understanding how the world was created and how we can look after God's creations. We will also focus on the celebration of Harvest and its importance to Christians and people all over the world.	
<b>Computing</b>	This half term we will be taught by the Jam Coding team, who will be in school on a Wednesday morning to teach the Computing topic of ' <b>Digital Writing</b> '. The children will familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard as well editing text using varied tools.	
<b>Science</b>	This half-term's topic is ' <b>Animals including humans</b> '. This unit will be based upon the different animal groups that are in our world. We will be looking closely at their structures, features and how we can group and sort them.	Please could you ensure that the children always keep a pair of wellies in school because we often go outside whatever the weather to discover the great outdoors.
<b>PSHE</b>	To start the term we will spend some time getting to know our new classmates and establishing rules and routines together. We will be focusing on the topic of ' <b>What makes a good friend?</b> ', understanding what qualities a good friend has, acting out scenarios and also discussing strategies to help us when we may fall out with our friends.	
<b>Geography</b>	This half term our focus is <b>Geography</b> and we will be looking closely hot and cold countries around the world. This topic will link with our story in English. We will look at the different continents, locating the equator and polar regions on maps. We will look at how their position from the equator affects their climate and weather and also looking at what animals can be found in hot and cold countries.	
<b>Art</b>	Our art work this half term will focus on developing the skills of <b>Textiles</b> . We will look closely at how textiles have been used by artists and we will look at creating our own pieces of art using methods such as dying, painting, attaching and decorating.	
<b>P.E.</b>	In PE, we will be working on our <b>Fundamental skills</b> . These include how to run, skip, jump, throw, catch and balance with control and accuracy. The children will play games, carry out challenges and create routines to help them develop their skills. We will also be using our skills to help us play <b>Games</b> , looking at passing, throwing pivoting, balance, tactics and team work.	PE days are <b>Tuesdays</b> and <b>Thursdays</b> . Please ensure that the children have their P.E. bags in school each week. PE uniform should consist of <b>black shorts or leggings/joggers (for outdoor lessons), white t-shirt and pumps or trainers (for outdoors)</b> .

		PE will commence w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Music</b>	We will be following the Lancashire Music Scheme <b>Charanga</b> focusing on ' <b>My Musical Heartbeat</b> '. The children will listen to a variety of styles of music, discussing each one using vocabulary such as pulse, rhythm, genre and tempo. The children will learn to sing and perform some of the songs and also play some instruments.	

### Other Useful Information

#### Equipment

Just a reminder about equipment. Children may bring to school:

- A small book bag and packed lunch box. **No rucksacks or pencil cases please** – stationery will be provided
- A small, named bottle of plain water
- A healthy snack e.g. fruit, cereal bar
- A change of footwear e.g. trainers, pumps, wellies (can be kept in school in a named string/carrier bag)

Please ensure children are in full school uniform, with no jewellery (apart from a watch if they wear one). Please label all items clearly with your child's name, especially cardigans and jumpers!

Children need to keep a PE kit in school on their named peg. Maple class's PE days are – **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. There are some days where our PE lesson will be outdoors so in their PE bags the children should have **black shorts or leggings/joggers (for outdoor lessons), white t-shirt and pumps or trainers (for outdoors)**.

#### A note for children and parents from Mrs Casterton and Mrs Smyth

Welcome back to school and a big welcome to Maple class, we hope you have had a fantastic Summer holiday and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Some of you are returning to Maple class but for many of you this classroom is a whole new experience. We are here to help make your transition into Maple class and Year 2 as smooth as possible, so remember to come and speak to us if you need anything.

Mrs Casterton will be teaching in Maple class Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Smyth will be teaching Wednesday- Friday.

In Maple class we are hardworking, creative and we love to have fun with our learning. We really enjoy being outdoors and taking our lessons outside as much as possible, even more so with the new outdoors classroom area set up. Please come prepared to be outside, dirty, and having great fun.

Maple class is a very busy class but all we ask is that you **have a go and try your best**.

We believe in being a team with all of our parents and families in Maple class and we very much have an open-door policy. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can help you with.

Kind regards

Mrs A Casterton

Mrs Smyth

Maple Class Teachers