



Maple Class Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term (2) 2023

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

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Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
<p>English</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> This half term we will be focusing on the story 'Zog'. We will be looking carefully at the characters and settings, making predictions about events, gathering new vocabulary from the story and developing our role play and speech and language skills.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> In writing, we will be continuing with 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 also be looking at using conjunctions such as 'and', 'so', 'but', 'because', 'when', 'if', 'that' to extend our writing and explain our ideas.</p> <p><u>Phonics</u> We will be continuing with Supersonic Phonics Friends and this half term the Doves will be moving on to 'Switch it Sounds', looking at sounds that 'look the same, but sound different'. Owls will be moving on to look at Spelling rules and applying them within sentences accurately. Maple class will be practicing some of their Common Exception Words weekly within class too.</p>	<p><u>Home reading</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> 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 written in their books on a Monday.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>We will be continuing to look at Addition and Subtraction- using resources and written methods to solve a range of addition problems involving number sentences, word problems and missing number problems as well as exchanging. To end the term we will focus on Shape. We will look at recognising and naming 2-D and 3-D shapes, counting sides and vertices on 2-D shapes, counting edges, vertices and faces on 3-D shapes and also look at lines of symmetry on a variety of shapes.</p>	<p><u>Maths at home!</u> 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. Homework will be sent out weekly linked to an area of their mathematical learning covered in class.</p> <p><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u> 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>
<p>R.E</p>	<p>Our focus this half term is 'Joseph and Christmas'. We will be looking at the stories of Joseph and how they are key in the history of the People of God. We will also be linking this to the value of 'forgiveness'. In Maple class we will also be looking at the Christmas story and</p>	<p>Our value this half term across school is 'Compassion'.</p>

	focusing on gifts in particular. We will be looking at the story from the views of the shepherds and the wise men and how Jesus was a gift.	
Computing	This half term we will be looking at Technology Around Us . We will be looking at different forms of technology that we use in school and around the house as well as looking at developing our mouse and keyboard skills. Maple class will also look at how we should use technology responsibly.	
Science	This half-term's topic is ' Animals including humans- humans '. This unit will be based upon identifying, naming, drawing and labelling the basic parts of the human body and also investigating the senses linked to certain parts of the body.	Please could you ensure that the children always keep a pair of wellies in school because we often go outside whatever the weather to take our learning outside.
PSHE	This half term we will be looking at the topic- What is bullying? We will discuss how words and action can affect people and how things that are hurtful are unacceptable. We will discuss methods of dealing with different situations, who our trusted adults are and how to report hurtful behaviours.	
History	This half term our focus is History and we will be looking closely at Monarchs . Maple class will be looking closely at Queen Elizabeth I and also Queen Victoria. We will be studying their rule and what life was like in each of the periods. We will compare their lives, decisions and power as rulers.	
Design Technology	Our focus for this second half term is Food . Maple class will be designing, sampling and preparing a food dish using methods such as slicing, peeling, mashing, chopping and dicing.	Please could you make us aware of any food allergies/intolerances before we start this work. Thank you 😊.
P.E.	In PE, we will be continuing to develop our Fundamental skills . We will be looking closely at ball skills and developing our rolling, throwing, underarm, bouncing and catching through specific lessons, games and activities to refine our skills. We will also be looking at Dance , exploring moods, ideas and feelings through our movements and actions and linking these together to create a routine.	PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays . Please ensure that the children have their P.E. bags in school each week as we are going back to getting changed in school. P.E. uniform should consist of black shorts (indoors) or leggings/joggers (for outdoor lessons), white t-shirt and pumps (indoors) or trainers (for outdoors) . PE will commence w/c 30 th October.
Music	We will be following the Lancashire Charanga Scheme- Dance, Sing and Play! Maple class will listen to a variety of styles of music, reviewing and giving opinions. We will learn different songs, adding actions and also play a variety of instruments to accompany the performance.	

Other Useful Information

Equipment

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

- A small book bag and packed lunch box.
- **No pencil cases please** – stationery will be provided.
- A small, named bottle of plain water
- A healthy snack e.g. fruit, cereal bar- **no nuts please due to allergies in school.**

- 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, as they will now be getting changed in school for their PE lessons. 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 (indoors) or leggings/joggers (for outdoor lessons), white t-shirt and pumps (indoors) or trainers (for outdoors)**.

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

We want to start by saying a **HUGE** well done to you all! You have come into Maple class and settled in with such a positive, hardworking attitude and you have all taken to the new rules and routines brilliantly. You have made us very proud!

This half term is going to be a very busy, jam-packed half term filled with lots of exciting opportunities, experiences and challenges. This half term we are going to have a theme of '**Queens and dragons**' around class, so be prepared 😊. Also be prepared for when December arrives because it is Mrs Casterton's favourite time of year 😊. We have some very exciting lessons planned for you and we are hoping you are going to continue to amaze us and surprise us with your super skills and knowledge that we saw signs of last half term.

Just a reminder that Mrs Casterton will continue to teach in Maple class Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Smyth will be teaching Wednesday- Friday.

Last half term we really enjoyed being outdoors and using the new area and resources so remember to come prepared to be outside, get dirty, and have great fun as well as moving on our learning.

Maple class is a very busy class and we want you to remember to **always have a go and try your best**. Let's do this Maple class!

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