



COPPULL ST JOHN'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Maple Class Curriculum Newsletter Summer term (2) 2024

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

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<p><u>Reading</u> This half term we will be focusing on the story of 'The Robot and the Bluebird'. We will be continuing to look closely at the characters, vocabulary and answering comprehension questions based on what has been read and finding evidence in the text to support reasons.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> In writing, we will be continuing with using different sentence types in our writing, using varying punctuation with accuracy and editing our work to ensure that it makes sense independently. We will be continuing to look at prefixes and suffixes and using expanded noun phrases to improve our vocabulary and writing. We will be looking closely at applying our spelling rules learnt in Phonics such as using contracted forms and using the correct prefixes for tenses.</p> <p><u>Phonics</u> The children will continue to learn the Year 2 spelling rules using the correct suffixes for tenses and word types, doubling consonants in certain words, using apostrophes for contracted forms and possession.</p>	<p><u>Home reading</u> Please can we ask that the children aim to read for around 10-20 minutes each night whether it is their school book, home book or even a magazine. Each time the children read a full book, and their book has been signed, they will receive a star in their monkey book. Every 10 books, the children will receive a dip in the 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 stuck in their books on a Monday morning and will be applied throughout the week in their learning.</p> <p><u>Homework</u> This half term, reading comprehension homework and Maths will continue to be sent home to develop reading and questioning skills. If your child is struggling, please just write a note in their book, do not let them become stressed by it. We can help in school ☺</p>
Maths	<p>This half term we will begin by looking at Statistics- gathering information and using tally charts, pictograms and block graphs to record results. We will look at interpreting the information and reading keys worth more than one. They will then move on to look at the topic of Position and Direction-involving using positional language, describing turns to the left and right as well fractions of turns.</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, paying for the shopping etc.</p>

		<p><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></p> <p>Each child has been provided with a log in for Times Tables Rockstars, it should be stuck inside their reading record. 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. The children have been introduced to it at school so should be able to log in and carry on with their sessions.</p>
R.E	Our focus this half term is ' Baptism '. We will be looking closely at the celebration of Baptism, special objects that are related to Baptism, discussing where we belong and also the welcoming ceremonies of other religions also.	<p>If anyone has any photographs or special objects from their Baptism please could you send a copy in or email a photograph to Mrs Cook so that these can be discussed and displayed this half term.</p>
Computing	This half term we will be following the Teach Computing scheme and will be looking at Digital Painting . We will be looking closely at using different programmes to create digital paintings, focusing on selecting the correct tools, adding shapes and lines, making changes and reviewing their work.	
Science	This half-term's topic is ' Seasonal Changes '. This unit is based upon understanding the changes that we start to see from Spring to Summer. We will investigate the changes that we can see occurring on our school grounds and compare to images we have found throughout the year. This half term we will be focusing on the weather and carrying out investigations.	Please could you ensure that the children always keep a pair of wellies in school because we will be outside as much as possible for all subjects as part of our outdoor learning. Thank you 😊
PSHE	Our focus for this half term is How do we recognise our feelings? We will be looking closely at naming, recognising and describing a variety of different emotions and feelings. We will discuss how these emotions make us feel on the inside and how we can control our emotions in certain situations. We will look at gathering strategies to deal with our feelings and identify people we can go to if we need help with our feelings.	
History	This half term our focus is History and we will be looking closely on Significant Individuals, studying Mary Seacole . Maple class will be studying the early life of Mary Seacole and looking at how she went on to be a nurse. We will look at some of the	

	brilliant things that she did as well as comparing her life as a nurse with that of other famous nurses.	
Design Technology	Our focus for this half term is DT . We will be looking closely at Structures . Maple class will begin by discussing what a structure is and looking at a variety of different structures. We will then look at how structures can be free-standing and will investigate how to create free-standing structures using different materials and joining methods before designing and creating a final product.	
P.E.	In PE, we will be continuing to look at Athletics . We will look at developing our skills of sprinting for races, throwing to reach a goal or target and also jumping for distance from a standing position. We will also be looking at Fundamental Movement Skills developing our control and accuracy when running, throwing, catching, jumping and skipping and assessing their skills.	PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays . Please ensure that the children have their P.E. bags in school each week. 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 17th June 2024.
Music	Maple Class will be following the Lancashire Music Scheme and will be looking at- Let's Perform Together . The children will listen to and respond to a range of songs and pieces of music, discussing musical genres, notes and tempo. We will look at performing, using our voices accurately and rehearsing a final piece.	

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

WOW, what a busy half term that last one was. PHEW! A GIGANTIC well done to all the Year 2s for the amazing effort, resilience, attitude and determination during SATs weeks. We are so proud of you for how maturely you went in to each test and how determined you were to have a go at each paper. You did not let any of them phase you and you kept on going. You absolutely blew us away and we are so very proud of you. Well done 😊!

We are coming to the final weeks of this academic year and we just wanted to say a huge well done to all the children in Maple class. Over this last year, we have watched you grow, develop, shine and flourish in so many ways and we are very proud teachers. We look forward to the last few weeks with the Year 2s before they prepare to move up to Year 3 and celebrate all the amazing achievements the whole class has made. We have truly grown together as a class, as a team and as a family 😊.

Thank you also to all our amazing families who have supported us and their children throughout the year too. We could not have done it without you.

We just want you to remember Maple to **always have a go and try your best**. You have worked so hard this year and it is your time to shine like the stars that you are and finish this year on a high ★

Kind regards

Mrs A Casterton

Mrs Smyth

Maple Class Teachers