

Maple Class Newsletter -

Autumn Term 1

Half Term Topic:



To Infinity and Beyond

I am very excited to be welcoming such a lovely group of children into Maple Class this year. Myself (Miss Hutchinson), Miss Gemma and Mr Nicholls will all be working alongside Maple Class this year. Maple Class will also get to be taught by Mr Wells for some subjects during the week.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a poetry unit of writing based on the poem 'The Malfesance'. In lessons, we will be exploring the meaning of the poem, as well as different language techniques both in the poem and our own writing.

We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. Children have a reading book and a reading diary to take home. Please send these into school **every day** so I am able to read their reading diary and change their books.

Maths: We will begin by looking at place value, recapping and building on our previous learning. We will then move on to looking at addition and subtraction in depth before we begin to focus on multiplication and division. All learning is linked to the real-world for the children as we aim to teach maths with a practical approach that links to problems the children will come across in their lives.

Science: This half term we will focus on Earth and Space where we will explore the Earth, Sun, Moon and other planets in the Solar System.

RE: This half term we will learn about how and why Christians read the Bible.

PE: This half term we will be learning skills and tactics in invasion games through Hockey activities, as well as movement and sequencing skills through Dance activities. PE will take place on both a **Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)** afternoon. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and school jumper on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children may wear either trainers or pumps on these days (no PE bags can be brought into school). Please note that on Mondays, we will be doing PE outdoors so your child may need a waterproof jacket and /or hoodie depending on the weather.

Computing: We will be developing our coding skills this half term. Throughout the topic, we will build up skills to allow the children to create their own game!

History: This half term our history focus is on the achievements of the earliest civilisations. We will explore where and when the first civilisations appeared.

Art: We will be focusing on the artist 'Kandinsky' creating digital Art in his style as well as editing digital images using graphics packages.

Spanish: We will learn Spanish greetings and introductions.

PSHE: Our focus topic in PSHE this half term will be 'Me and My Relationships' which will focus on friendship.

Music: In Music, we will be focusing on the song 'Dancing in the Street', where we will learn to sing the song and use glockenspiels to play along with it.