

Maple Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 1

Half Term Topic:



I am very excited to be welcoming such a lovely group of children into Maple Class this year. Myself (Miss Hutchinson), Mrs Pollard, Mrs Lewis and Miss Gemma will all be working alongside Maple Class this year.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a fiction unit of writing based on the picture book 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore'. In lessons, we will be exploring the story and the journey Morris goes on, as well as different language techniques in 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 Monday 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 electricity where we will explore sources of electricity, how appliances run on electricity, as

well as investigating different circuits, finding and resolving faults in them and investigating conductors and insulators.

RE: This half term we will be learning about how Christians and other people and faiths around the world celebrate the Harvest festival. We will then begin to look at how and why Christians read the Bible.

PE: This half term we will be learning shapes, balances and ways of travelling to create our own sequences in Gymnastics, as well as working on our teamwork trust and problem-solving skills in Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and school jumper on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children may wear either trainers or pumps on these days (no PE bags can be brought into school). Please note that on Wednesdays, 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!

Geography: In geography this half term we will be learning about different types of energy. We will learn about renewable and non-renewable energy and will gain an understanding of how these energy types are sourced and the impact they have on our planet.

Design and Technology: This half term in DT we will be using and applying our science knowledge when forming structures including electricity. We will design, make and evaluate 3D mask sculptures including lights and/or sounds such as buzzers.

Spanish: We will learn how to introduce ourselves in Spanish.

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 melody and harmony in music, considering how music brings people together.