

Maple Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Half Term Topic:



What a half-term we have had! I'm excited to be welcoming the children back after the October break.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a fiction unit of writing based on the novel 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. In lessons, we will be exploring the story, and the journey 11-year-old Liam 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 multiplication and division. We will then move on to looking at fractions in depth. 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 light where we will learn about light sources, how we see, how shadows are formed, as well as experimenting to find patterns in the way shadows can change.

RE: This half term we will begin by learning about the Bible, considering the Bible to be like a library of books of all genres, how there are many different translations of the Bible. After that, we will begin to focus on Christmas, learning how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

PE: This half term we will be learning how to create our own group dances, focusing on levels, direction and performing in unison (Tuesdays), as well as striking and fielding skills through Cricket activities or Swimming (Wednesdays). 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 PE hoodie.

Computing: We will begin the half term by focusing on how to be safe online, where we will look at good passwords, the SMART rules and reliability and validity of information found on the internet. We will then begin a topic on 3D modelling, where the children will be designing and printing a 3D net to enable them to create a 3D model.

History: In History this half term we will be learning about the Tudors. We will learn about life in Tudor England, the Battle of Bosworth, King Henry VIII and his 6 wives and other Tudor monarchs.

Art: This half term in Art we will learn about Origami, beginning with what it is and where and when it originated. We will then have a go at creating some origami art ourselves, considering the meaning of popular origami artwork.

Spanish: We will learn how say where we live, our nationality and the language we speak in Spanish.

PSHE: Our focus topic in PSHE this half term will be 'Valuing Difference' which will focus on friendship, discrimination, injustice (including racism) and community.