

Maple Class Newsletter - Autumn
Term 2

Half Term Topic:



Food, Glorious Food

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: In our writing lessons, we will focus on fiction writing using a visual story - The Present - and will work towards writing a short story. In lessons, we will be exploring different language techniques both in the chosen text and our own writing.

Alongside this, we will be reading the story 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson. Tying into our Geography learning about Fairtrade, the story follows a boy called Budi, who makes football boots in a factory sweatshop and dreams of playing for the biggest team in the world. Whilst reading the book, we will develop our skills in understanding themes of a text, inferring and deducing, as well as exploring new language.

We will also have weekly grammar and handwriting sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. Please continue to support your child's reading by listening to your child read at home. Each time they have read, please sign and send in their reading record to help them to earn prizes for their efforts!

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 Properties of Materials where we will look at grouping and classifying materials based on their properties.

RE: In RE, we will focus on Christmas, considering the question 'How does the presence of Jesus impact on people's lives?'

PE: Our PE day this half term is a **Wednesday**. Our topic in PE is Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, where we will build skills in trust and teamwork through a variety of activities. Please ensure your child comes in their PE kit each Wednesday. If your child is Swimming this half term, they will need to come to school in their school uniform instead.

Computing: Our Computing topic this half term will be Online Safety which will teach children how to keep safe whilst being online. We will also look at spreadsheets.

Geography: This half term our Geography focus on Fairtrade. We will investigate food miles of the food we eat, considering the environmental impacts, as well as the money earned by all workers involved in the process.

Design and Technology: Linking to our Geography learning, our Design and Technology learning will be centred around food. We will sample ingredients, design, make and evaluate our own food in the forest. Forest School sessions will take place weekly on a Thursday afternoon. **Please send your child into school wearing their school PE kit on a Thursday, with extra layers, waterproofs and wellingtons/waterproofs in a bag to put on top for Forest School.**

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

PSHE: We will focus on Valuing Difference, where we will look at qualities of friendship, our own uniqueness and accepting and embracing diversity in our community and beyond.

General Timetable

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	PE / Swimming
Thursday	Forest School
Friday	