

Maple Class Newsletter - Spring
Term 1

Half Term Topic:



Invaders and Settlers

I hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. I'm looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: This half term, our lessons will focus on exploring famous speeches to enable us to build up a non-fiction speech about refugees. After that, we will use our speech writing skills to write an independent speech about homelessness. In lessons, we will be exploring different language techniques both in the chosen text and our own writing.

We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. Children will be given a reading book and a reading diary to take home. These will come into school every time they have read, so I am able to read their reading diary and change their books.

Maths: We will begin by learning methods in multiplication and division, before moving on to learning more about fractions, decimals and percentages. 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.

Further practice on TTRS would be beneficial during this half term as it will help your child's multiplication and division fluency

and will therefore help them to identify patterns within their times tables.

Science: This half term we will focus on reversible and irreversible changes where we will practically explore dissolving, separating materials, solutions and evaporating.

RE: In RE, we will focus on how Jesus changes lives. We will do this by looking at stories of Jesus' disciples and the impact he had on their lives, before looking at modern day examples too.

PE: This half term we will be furthering our teamwork, spatial awareness and timing skills through creating group dances. Our PE day will now be a Monday; please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays. **No children in Maple Class will be Swimming this half term.**

Computing: Our computing topic this half term will be Databases. Children will learn how to search for information in a database, how to contribute to a class database and how to create their own around a given topic.

History: We will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, including invasions, settlements, and kingdoms.

Art and Design: In Art, we will be learning all about Street Art, including the difference between street art and graffiti, as well as developing ideas and techniques for artwork comprising stylised graffiti lettering.

Music: In Music lessons, we will focus on the question 'How does Music shape our way of life?' where we will listen to various songs and work on our improvisation skills.

PSHE: We will focus on Keeping Myself Safe, where we will begin by exploring habits and bullying, leading onto learning and peer pressure, drugs and smoking.