

Maple Class Newsletter - Summer Term 2

Half Term Topic:



I hope you've all had a great break. I'm excited to be welcoming the children back.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a poetry unit of writing based on the poem 'The Most Dangerous Animal in the World' by Valerie Bloom. In lessons, we will be exploring dangerous animals, as well as developing rhyming techniques to write our own poem about another dangerous animal.

We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. As you're familiar with, children have a reading book and a reading diary to take home. Please send these into school when they finish reading their book so that I can read their reading diary and change their books.

Maths: We will begin by learning about decimals and percentages, before moving on to learning about perimeter, area and statistics 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 learn about lots of forces, including gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, through

practical exploration and investigations. We will also look at recognising mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears. We will also apply learning about buoyancy practically in a Design and Technology project.

RE: We will focus on the topic of Lent. We will retell the story of the Jesus temptation in the desert and learn about Lent as traditionally a time of fasting, repentance, reflection and preparation. We will then explore the similarity our faith has with both the Jewish and Islam faiths - fasting, preparation and reflection.

PE: Our topics in PE this half term are Rugby (Mondays) and Gymnastics (Wednesdays). In Rugby lessons, we will be building up our skills to be able to pass and catch a rugby ball, as well as using attacking and defending tactics in a rugby-style game. In Gymnastics lessons, children will be developing a partner sequence, including various balances and apparatus. Please can children come dressed in their outdoor PE kits on Mondays and indoor PE kits on Wednesdays. Swimming will be on Wednesdays for selected pupils.

Computing: Our Computing topic this half term will be Hardware Investigators, where we will explore the parts of a computer.

History: This half term our History focus is the Vikings. We will explore when and where the Vikings came from, as well as why they came to England. We will also learn about why raiding and trading were important to the Vikings.

Design and Technology: Our Design and Technology learning will be centred around boats. We will be exploring buoyancy, evaluating current designs and materials, before designing, making, and evaluating our own miniature boat.

PSHE: We will focus on Rights and Respect, where we will begin by exploring rights, respect and duties, before looking at spending wisely and local councils.

Spanish: Our topic in Spanish this half term is pets. We will learn to say the name of various pets in Spanish and put these into simple sentences to form short conversations.