

Maple Class Newsletter -

Spring Term 2

Half-Term Topic:



Amazon Adventure

I can't believe we're already halfway through the academic year! I hope you've all had a wonderful break; I'm excited to be welcoming the children back!

Our curriculum for this half-term is as follows:

English: This half term, we will focus on the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Through reading the novel, we will discover the creatures and colours of the Amazon Rainforest, as well as exploring relationships between characters in the story. Alongside this, the children will develop their writing techniques through building up their own adventure story based on the class novel.

We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. Please continue to support your child's reading at home and send their reading book and diary 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 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 focus on habitats and food chains. We will be learning how to classify both animals and plants, as well as understanding the human impact on habitats.

RE: In RE, we will explore victory and the Easter story, looking at why Easter is a time of victory for Christians.

PE: Our topic in PE this half term will be Tag Rugby. In lessons, we will be building up our skills in sending, receiving and tagging, as well as tactics to play tactical tag rugby games. **Our PE day is Monday.** Please send your child into school dressed in their appropriate PE kit on Mondays.

Computing: Our Computing topic this half term will be Concept Maps where the children will be understanding the use of and creating their own concept maps to present to an audience.

Geography: This half term our Geography focus is on the Amazon Rainforest, where we will begin by learning the diverse geography of South America before zooming in on The Amazon, learning the layers of the rainforest and its importance all of us on Earth.

Art: In Art, we will be developing our skills in observational drawing and painting. Children will build up to producing their own still life drawing and painting.

Spanish: In Spanish, the children will be learning about animals - focusing on our listening, speaking and writing skills.

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.