

Maple Class Newsletter -

Summer Term 1

Half Term Topic:



I hope you've all had a great Easter and a well-earned rest. We've had a very busy Spring term; I'm excited to be welcoming the children back after the Easter holiday.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a unit of non-fiction speech writing about plastic pollution. After that, we will use our speech writing skills to write an independent speech aimed at the whole school, persuading them to help us become a plastic free school! 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. Please support your child's reading at home by listening to them read at least 3 times each week. Home reading books and reading records can be sent into school **each time your child has read or when they need to change their book** so I am able to read their reading diary and change their books.

Maths: We will begin by continuing our learning about perimeter and area. Then, we will move onto learning about statistics, before moving on to learning about shape, position and direction. 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 plants where we learn the parts of the plant and their uses, investigate how water is transported in plants, learn the names of the different reproductive parts of a plant, understand what pollination and seed dispersal are, as well as understand the life cycle of a plant.

RE: In RE, we will complete our learning about other faiths who have a period of fasting, preparation and reflection (Judaism and Islam). We will then focus on women in the Bible, exploring the stories of Ruth, Esther, and various others, considering the choices made by these women and reflecting on their personal values and commitments.

PE: Our topics in PE this half term will be Athletics (**Monday**) and Tennis or Swimming (**Wednesday**). I will post the new group of swimmers on Class Dojo. All PE lessons will be outdoors this half term; please ensure they are wearing appropriate outdoor PE kit on PE days. In Athletics, we will be building up our skills in running, jumping, and throwing, working on our perseverance. In Tennis, we will be building up our skills to be able to serve, rally and use game tactics with and against a partner.

Computing: Our Computing topic this half term will be game creation where the children will be analysing games made by others, before designing, making and evaluating their own computer games!

Geography: In Geography, we will focus on the British Seaside and Plastic Pollution. We will explore features of UK coastlines, seaside villages, towns and cities and consider how these places have changed over time. We will then focus on the world's oceans and our role in protecting these.

Design and Technology: Our Design and Technology learning will be centred around food. We will discuss a healthy diet, sample ingredients, design, and eventually make and evaluate our own food.

PSHE: We will focus on Being My Best, where we will begin by exploring the importance of keeping our bodies fit and healthy, before looking at our personal skills and qualities that make us unique and important.

Music: In Music, we will be focusing on question 'How does music improve our world?' We will focus on a variety of songs which will help us to answer this key question, rehearsing our performance through singing and playing instruments (including improvising).