

Maple Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1



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 non-fiction unit of writing based on the book 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson. In lessons, we will be exploring the issue of child labour and the sportswear industry, as well as developing persuasive language techniques to write our own persuasive letter to an England footballer.

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 teeth and the digestive system, where children will explore different types and layers of teeth, as well as teeth hygiene, before exploring the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.

RE: In RE, we will begin learning about the Church, including that Peter and the disciples 'built' the church after the events of Pentecost, identifying similarities and differences between churches of different denominations, as well as how the Bible gives guidance to the church about behaviour and attitudes.

PE: Our topic in PE this half term will be Athletics or Swimming (**Wednesday**). In Athletics, we will be building up our skills in running, jumping, and throwing, working on our perseverance. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on a Wednesday. If your child is Swimming, you will have been notified by Mrs Gladwin; these children should come to school in their normal school uniform with their swimming kit in a bag.

Computing: Our Computing topic this half term will be Making Music, where the children will be identifying and discussing the main elements of music, experimenting with rhythm and tempo and electronically composing a piece of music.

History: In History, we will be focusing on the Georgian era, where children will explore what Britain was like in the Georgian era, who the Georgian monarchs were and how this era influenced the Britain we know today (including local learning about Glasson Dock).

Design and Technology: Our Design and Technology learning will be centred around textiles. Children will learn about different textiles and fabrics, research existing and past felt purses, before designing and making their own.

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.