

Maple Class Newsletter - Summer Term 2

Half Term Topics:



I hope you've all had a great break. I'm excited to be welcoming the children back for their final half term of the academic year - this year is going so fast!

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a unit of fiction speech writing based on the book 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne. After that, we will use our narrative writing skills to write an independent story! We will also read the novel 'The White Giraffe' by Lauren St. John, which will help to inspire our independent story. 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 shape, before moving on to learn about position and direction, decimals negative numbers, converting units, time, money and volume. 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. **You could help your child at home by helping them to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks, as well as understanding money.**

Science: This half-term we will focus on living things and their habitats where we will explore and describe the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, as well as life processes of reproduction some animals.

RE: In RE, we will continue our learning about women in the Old Testament, exploring the stories of Ruth, Esther, and Purim considering the choices made by these women and reflecting on their personal values and commitments. We will then further out Bible skills by exploring how and why Christians use the Bible.

PE: Our topics in PE this half term will be Rounders (**Monday**) and Badminton (**Wednesday**). All PE lessons will be outdoors this half term; please ensure they are wearing appropriate outdoor PE kit on PE days. In Rounders, we will be building up our skills in bowling, striking and catching, working on our decision making in games. In Badminton, 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 focus on developing skills in word processing where the children will be learning to add and edit images to a word document, how to use word wrap for images and text and to use tables within to present information.

History: In History, we will focus on the Victorians. We will explore when the Victorian era was, Queen Victoria, as well as life, education and inventions in the Victorian era.

Art and Design: Our Art learning will focus on the artist L. S. Lowry. We will begin by looking at his artwork and his role in the Victorian period. We will then learn skills in observation, drawing and creating tone or texture in our artwork.

PSHE: We will focus on *Growing and Changing*, where we will begin by exploring trust and feelings, in particular situations where we feel uncomfortable and what we can do to help ourselves in these situations. We will then look at how our bodies feel when we are experiencing certain emotions, keeping ourselves safe and bullying.

Spanish: In Spanish, we will learn about clothing. We will be able to describe clothing by colour and style.