

Maple Class Newsletter - Summer  
Term 2

Half Term Topic:



# Fun at the Fair

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!

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a fiction unit of writing based on the book 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. In lessons, we will be exploring the novel and using it to inspire some mystery writing based on the book.

We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. Please continue to send in your child's reading book each time they have read at home.

Maths: We will begin by continuing our learning about shape, before moving on to learning about position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units 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.

Science: This half term we will focus on animals including humans where we will explore the life cycle of humans and describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

RE: After exploring Churches last half term, we will spend this half term learning about places of worship that belong to other world faiths, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. We will focus

on the features of each place of worship, as well as what makes them similar and different to the church and each other.

PE: Our topic in PE this half term is Rounders (Wednesdays). In lessons, children will be developing skills in bowling, striking the ball and fielding, applying simple tactics. All PE lessons will be outdoors; please can children come dressed in their outdoor PE kits on Wednesdays. Swimming will continue on Wednesdays for selected pupils.

Computing: Our Computing topic this half term will be Animation. Children will learn how animations are created by hand and learn techniques such as onion skinning and adding a background to allow them to create their own animations.

Geography: This half term our Geography focus is local Geography. We will build up our skills in mapping and locational knowledge of the UK (zooming into Lancashire and Preesall) through exploring lots of different types of maps.

Design and Technology: Our Design and Technology learning will be centred around fairground rides. We will be evaluating current designs, before designing, making, and evaluating our own miniature fairground rides.

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.

Music: Our topic in Music this term is 'Battle of the Bands!' Children will create a fun and confident performance and answer the question 'How does music connect us with the environment?'