

Welcome to Maple Class!

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a great Summer and are ready for a busy half term in Year 4/5! We will start the term settling back in and getting reacquainted and back into routines. We have Miss Mladenovitch joining us this year, working with me, alongside Mr Nicholls and Mrs Pollard. We will have Mrs Oxley in class on a Monday. As always, please support your child at home by asking questions about their school day, listening to your child read, reading to your child and assisting with any homework.

If you have any questions or worries, please come in to see me or contact me via email or Dojo, mpotter@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Oxley will be on Dojo too, for any Monday information or queries.

Many thanks, Mrs Potter

English

Our focus this half will be poetry. During this unit we will look at different poetry features as well as developing our descriptive language and punctuation.

Spelling

We will continue to develop our phonics knowledge and will continue learning different spelling patterns, applying these in our writing.

Reading

This half term we will be reading a range of different texts. We will be developing our inference and retrieval skills as well as vocabulary knowledge.

Our class novel will be 'The Wizards of Once' which covers themes of inclusion, identity and overcoming prejudice..

Ask your child about our reading reward system and please support them by listening to them regularly. 'Fred's' will be used to support reading skills with Mrs Oxley focusing on comprehension this half term.

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R.E.

This half term our RE focus will be based on the unit

'Why Are Sacred Texts/Holy Books So Important to People of Faith?'. In this unit we will focus on multiple faiths, seeking similarities and differences.

Maths

In maths this half term we will focus on Place Value.

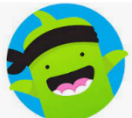


Times Tables

We will continue to focus on tables this year. The national expectation is for children to have quick recall of their tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4 and the Year 4 pupils will have their MTC in Summer Term.

We work towards this by using Time Tables Rockstars as a learning aid, as well as teaching children number patterns and relationships. Your child's TTRS login is stuck inside the front cover of their reading record. Please encourage them to practise daily.



<u>Science</u> In our science lessons this half term we will be learning <u>Electricity.</u> We will learn about common appliances that use electricity, build and draw series circuits, learn about conductors and insulators and conductivity within a circuit. 	<u>Computing</u>  We will be focusing on Hardware & Software, followed by a unit on Animation. This will be different to last term's workshop that the Year 5 children took part in. Mrs Oxley will be leading this work on a Monday.	<u>PE</u> Maple will have two PE slots per week, these will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This term we will focus on Fitness and Dance. Pupils wear PE kit to school on those days. Fitness will look at the impact of speed, agility and perseverance on sporting outcomes. The Dance unit will focus on 2 differing styles of Dance. 
<u>History</u> In history this half term we will be learning all about the Tudors! We have an exciting trip booked to the theatre to support our learning about life in Tudor times. 	<u>Art</u> This half term in art we are learning about Kandinsky and being inspired by his abstract art to create our own digital art pieces. We will be creating our own art and we are hoping to hold an art exhibition to display our work.	<u>PSHE</u> This term's focus is 'Me and My Relationships', in which we will focus on healthy relationships, strategies for standing up to peer pressure, as well as looking at ourselves and our feelings. 
<u>Class Dojo</u> Class Dojo is a great way for us to keep you updated with day to day classroom life and also for you to send messages and pictures to share. <u>If you have an urgent message or a message regarding attendance, please ring the office as we may not be available to check the Dojo messages during the school day.</u> 	Please continue to listen to your child reading regularly. <u>(3-4 times a week for 5-10 minutes would be ideal.)</u> At this stage in their reading journey, we are hoping to embed their phonics ability as well as developing their fluency and expression. Reading regularly will help this to develop. <u>Please also remember to discuss your child's reading with them. Question them about what has happened, why characters have behaved in certain ways, characters' feelings etc.</u>	