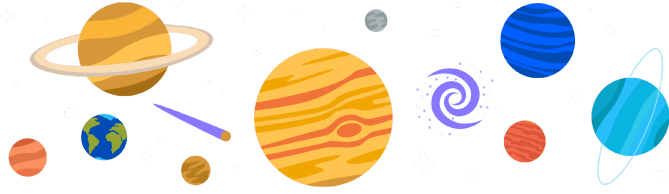


Maple Class
Newsletter Autumn 1

Half Term Topic:



Philosophy, Politics and Pottery



I am very excited to be welcoming such a lovely group of children into Maple Class this year.

Our curriculum for this half term is as follows:

English: We will begin a poetry unit of writing based on the poem 'The Malfeasance'. In lessons, we will be exploring the meaning of the poem, as well as different language techniques both in the poem and our own writing. We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills.

Children have a home reading book and a reading diary to take home. **We recommend reading at home for 15 minutes each day** – this could be your child reading to you or reading to themselves. Please fill in your child's reading record and send it back into school **each time your child has read** so I am able to read their reading diary, change their books and reward them with points and prizes for reading at home!

Maths: We will begin by looking at place value, recapping and building on our previous learning. We will then move on to looking at addition and subtraction in depth before we begin to focus on multiplication and division. 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 Earth and Space where we will explore the shapes, sizes and movements of the Earth, Sun and Moon, learn about other planets in the Solar System and about how we get day and night and our seasons.

RE: This half term we will learn about David and the Psalms, where we will explore key stories in the life of David, values that are important to us and how Christian beliefs are revealed in the psalms.

PE: PE will take place on both a **Monday and Wednesday** afternoon. This half term we will learn skills in matched and mirror shapes, as well as counter and counter-tension balances to create paired sequences in Gymnastics (Mondays). We will be visited by Fleetwood Town on Wednesdays for 'Move and Learn' sessions, where children will learn about how to keep their bodies healthy, as well as enjoy various invasion games (Wednesday). Some children will be Swimming in place of PE on Wednesdays – you will be notified via Class Dojo by the end of the first week if your child will be swimming. Swimming will start on week 2. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure on other days, children wear their full school uniform.

Computing: We will be developing our coding skills this half term. Throughout the topic, we will build up skills to allow the children to create their own game!

History: This half term our History focus is on the Ancient Greeks, studying Greek life, achievements and their influence on the western world.

Art: Our Art learning will be centred around Greek patterns. We will be developing our skills in printing to create our own Greek repeat pattern.

Spanish: We will learn Spanish greetings and introductions, including being able to say basic greetings, our names, age and when our birthdays are.

PSHE: Our focus topic in PSHE this half term will be 'Me and My Relationships' which will focus on friendship.

Music: In Music, we will be focusing on enjoying musical styles and considering the question 'What does Music teach us about our community?'