

Maple class

Autumn Term

Class Welcome

We have had a busy start to the academic year in Maple class! We've settled into our new class and celebrated many events including Children in Need, Fireworks, Halloween and Remembrance Day. We've also enjoyed exploring the new sensory circuit and welcomed parents in for our first 'Come and Learn with me' session where we took part in reflexology. We're looking forward to welcoming parents back in on Wednesday 17th December for our Merit awards and craft afternoon!



Communication and interaction

In Phonics, the class have been learning Phase 2 sounds and practising writing tricky words. Our overall theme this term has been 'My Feelings'. To support this topic, we read *The Colour Monster* in English and explored identifying different emotions. This half term we also read *Ruby's Worry* and wrote diary entries. Everyone has enjoyed our weekly library visits, where we share stories and explore a range of books.



Cognition and Learning

In our maths lessons we have worked on Properties of Number this term. We have been recognising and ordering numbers, matching numeral to quantities and looking at number patterns (counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s). We have also been working on odd and even numbers. Last half term in our shape, space and measure lessons we looked at 2D and 3D shapes. This half term we have focused on statistics: creating tally charts and pictograms. In science we have been learning about the human body. We learnt the names and functions of different body parts. This half term we focused on the five senses and have enjoyed using our senses to explore a range of textures, tastes and smells!



Independence, social and emotional development

Maple class have been on weekly community visits to the park, where we practise safe transitions and enjoy time outdoors with peers. In PSHE we have been working on turn-taking and have enjoyed many games and activities – Jenga has been a class favourite! In food technology we have focused on foods we like and dislike. We have enjoyed using our senses to explore a range of foods, as well as practising our pouring, mixing and chopping skills. We have also worked on independence skills across the school day – enabling pupils to navigate snack time, changing for PE and swimming and general organisation to increase their independence.



Physical and Sensory

Pupils have enjoyed developing their swimming skills with Victoria this term. They have worked on coordinating their arms and legs to swim, as well as performing star floats on their front and back. They have also enjoyed weekly PE lessons, developing their ball skills and gymnastics skills. In art we have focused on photography and pupils have been using the iPad to take photographs. Pupils have also enjoyed exploring the new sensory circuit!



Special news and upcoming events

Wednesday 17th December – Merit awards and craft afternoon

Friday 19th December – End of term (Early finish for pupils)

Tuesday 6th January – Start of Spring Term

16th–20th February – Half Term

Next term our topic is 'David Walliams'.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

From the Maple class team,

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