

Maple Class – Lower School

Notable news

Maple class have enjoyed celebrating many special occasions this term: we enjoyed listening to music and decorating lanterns for Chinese New Year; for Valentine's Day we did some heart bubble painting and made special cards; and for World Book Day we dressed up as our favourite characters.

We had a visit from the travelling librarian earlier this term. Pupils listened to a story about a princess and her adventure to find her missing dragon! We loved all the sensory items that Katie brought with her.

We also enjoyed another visit with Misty the therapy dog. Pupils sat with her and stroked her fur while her owner Lyn told us some information about Misty.



Communication

In our writing lessons we read the story 'A Superhero Like You'. We looked at each job in detail and formed sentences about the different jobs.

We also read the non-fiction text 'People Who Help Us' and role-played different jobs. We particularly liked being a postal worker, where we delivered letters to our friends. Then we wrote a special letter of our own and posted this home.

In Phonics we have been working through our Phase 2 sounds. Some pupils have also been working on their reading comprehension skills.

Pupils thoroughly enjoy our weekly visit to the school library. We explore lots of different books and share stories with an adult.



Cognition

In Maths we have continued our work on number. We have been adding and subtracting using practical objects and some of us have been working on using a number line. We have also been looking at common measures: we used balance scales to weigh heavy and light objects; we explored capacity by making containers full and empty; and we investigated temperature by exploring warm and cold.

In Science we focused on our families. We shared who was in our family and looked at what jobs we can do to help out at home.

This half term we have been learning about animals, including humans. We grouped animals by the number of legs they had. Then, we moved on to classifying animals as fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.



Life Skills and Personal Development

In Food Technology we practise a range of skills including mixing, measuring and pouring. We have made a variety of delicious treats this term, including biscuits, pancakes, pretzel wands and nest cakes.

We recently went on a community walk to the local post box. We hope that we'll be able to go on more walks now that the weather is getting better.

In PSHE we have focused on hygiene and personal care. We learnt about the importance of keeping ourselves clean and practised how to do this in our lessons. Each week we focused on a different skill: washing our hands, cleaning our nails, brushing our teeth and washing our body.



Upcoming Events

We have another busy term coming up! Key dates are detailed below, but please continue to check the school website for any changes or new events.

- Wednesday 2nd April – Lower school Merit assembly/classroom activities
- Friday 4th April – End of term (early finish for pupils)
- Monday 21st April – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 22nd April – Start of Summer Term
- Monday 5th May – Bank holiday
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th May – Half term
- Monday 2nd June – Inset day
- Friday 27th June – Inset day
- Saturday 28th June – Summer Fete
- Friday 4th July – Sports Day
- Wednesday 16th July - Lower school Merit assembly/classroom activities
- Tuesday 22nd July - End of term (early finish for pupils)

Have a lovely Easter break 😊

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