

Maple class

Spring Term

Class Welcome

What a busy Spring term we've had! We have celebrated special days such as World Book Day, Number Day and Red Nose Day. We have enjoyed making cards for our loved ones for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. A highlight for Maple class was participating in the Rocksteady workshop. Pupils enjoyed playing keyboards, guitars and the drums to form our own class band!

We are looking forward to celebrating Easter with some Easter crafts and an Easter hunt!



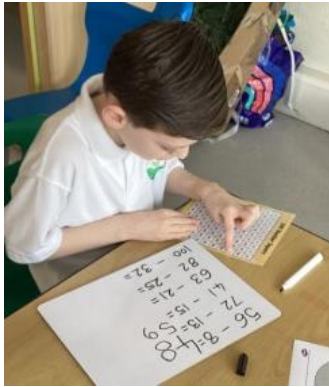
Communication and interaction

This term we have looked at books by the author David Walliams – 'The First Hippo on the Moon' and 'The Creature Choir'. Pupils enjoyed making predictions, listening to the books and sequencing events from the stories. In phonics we have continued our Phase 2 sounds and comprehension work. Pupils continue to enjoy our weekly visit to the school library, where we share stories and explore different genres of books.



Cognition and Learning

In our Maths lessons this term we have focused on calculation. We looked at addition and subtraction using objects, then progressed to completing calculations on a number line. We have also worked on time and measure – sequencing the days of the week, placing numbers on an analogue clock and exploring length/weight/capacity. In science we have looked at the topic of 'Animals'. We have looked at animal classification and focused on different types of habitats.



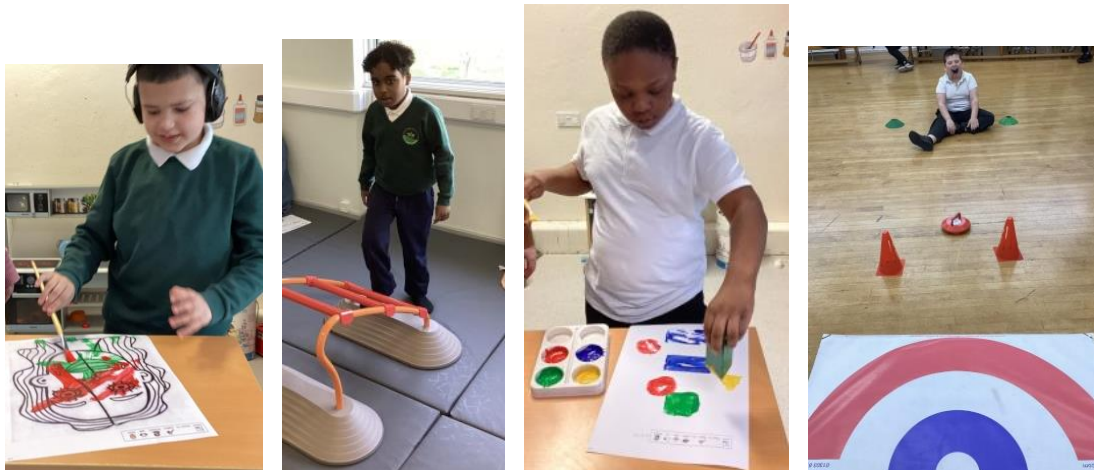
Independence, social and emotional development

In food technology this term we have focused on recipes. Pupils took part in sequencing a recipe, then used this the following week to make some delicious snacks. Our PSHE topic on 'Health and Wellbeing' has included hand washing, brushing teeth and keeping clean. One of the highlights of our week is our weekly community visit to the local park. Pupils practise safe transitions and enjoy sharing the equipment with their peers. We continue to enjoy our wellbeing sessions on a Friday afternoon, which includes taking part in functional reflex therapy.



Physical and Sensory

In PE pupils have enjoyed taking part in New Age Kurling. They aimed the stones with increasing precision towards the target and enjoyed competing with their peers. They thoroughly enjoy their weekly swimming session with Victoria and are continuously improving their strength and coordination in the pool. Our sessions in the sensory circuit continue to be a big hit – pupils love climbing, swinging and jumping on a variety of different equipment. In art we have been focusing on the artist Pablo Picasso. Pupils have been looking at different examples of his work and creating their own artwork in the style of Picasso.



Special news and upcoming events

Friday 27th March – End of term (Early finish for pupils)

Monday 13th April – Start of Summer Term

25th–29th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – INSET Day

Saturday 27th June – PTA School Fete

Friday 3rd July – Sports Day

Friday 10th July – Family Picnic

Next term our topic is 'Transport'.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 13th April for the start of the summer term!

From the Maple class team,

Kerry, Tanya, Gemma and Emma

