

Maple Class – Lower School

Notable news

What a fantastic year we've had in Maple class! It's been a busy term, with lots of exciting events still to come.

We commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE day by making bunting in red, white and blue for our classroom and joined in with a VE Day parade on the playground. Pupils also marked the final day of our Mental Health and Wellbeing Week by wearing green. We welcomed back Lyn and Misty the therapy dog, and pupils loved spending time with them. We're hoping to see them once more before the summer holidays!

We have a busy last few weeks of term: we're looking forward to taking part in exciting events for Sports Day; we're also looking forward to Cultural Capital Week at the end of this term, as well as our trip to Hertfordshire Zoo!



Communication

In our English lessons we focused on the story 'Around the World with Max and Lemon'. We followed Max's journey to different countries and completed writing activities based on the different people she met.

We listened to the poem 'The Sound Collector' and went on a walk around school to identify different sounds, then used these to create our own poems.

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

Pupils still enjoy our weekly visit to the school library; they like choosing a story to share with an adult. We have been lucky to welcome the travelling librarian into Maple class several times this year and thoroughly enjoy participating in a sensory story.



Cognition

In Maths we have been learning to divide by sharing items equally between 2 and 3. We have also covered statistics, creating tally charts and pictograms of our eye colour and favourite fruits. In our shape, space and measure lessons we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes, and money.

In Science we looked at habitats. We also looked at materials and enjoyed exploring the properties of different materials.

In Art we printed using items from nature. We looked at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and enjoyed creating our own artwork inspired by this artist.

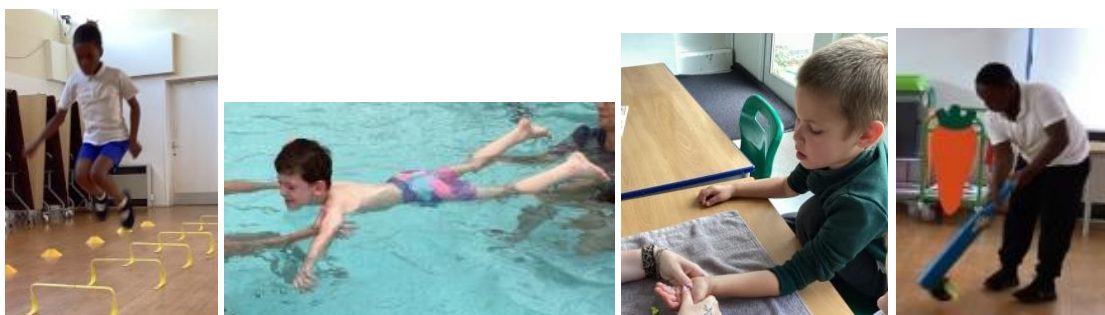


Life Skills and Personal Development

In Food Technology we made a selection of delicious foods, including salads and sandwiches. Over the course of the year, pupils have practised using a range of equipment to cut, mix, pour and measure; hopefully these skills can be utilised at home too!

In PSHE we have looked at mindfulness and the benefits of exercise. Pupils followed along to different movement videos on the interactive whiteboard, then took part in Functional Reflex Therapy sessions. Some pupils have even practised reflexology on themselves!

In PE we have enjoyed Athletics and Three Tees Cricket. Swimming sessions are the highlight of the week for Maple class! Pupils have worked with Victoria to develop their confidence in the water. They have practised kicking their legs and moving their arms to move through the pool. They have also worked on their star float on their front and back.



Upcoming Events

Key dates are detailed below, but please continue to check the school website for any changes or new events.

- Tuesday 22nd July – End of term (early finish for pupils)
- Tuesday 2nd September – Back to school

Thank you to all our Maple class pupils for a wonderful year. You've all worked extremely hard and we're very proud of all you have achieved.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday!

From the Maple class team

Kerry, Andrea, Eliza and Tanya

