

## TOPIC

Did you know our local schools haven't always looked like this? Maple Class will step back in time to investigate how schools in our area have changed. Using old photographs, maps, and historical objects, children will compare past classrooms to ours today to spot what has stayed the same and what is completely different.

## ART/DT

We will be exploring cooking and nutrition in DT this term by making our own delicious fruit smoothies! In this unit, children explore the differences between fruits and vegetables using their senses, discover where different produce grows and practice safe kitchen skills like peeling, and chopping.

## COMPUTING

In computing, the children will explore computer systems and networks with a focus on improving mouse skills.

## ENGLISH

We kick off our reading journey with the beloved classic *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell, using it to write our own animal descriptions and flap books. We will also explore identity through the poetry unit 'Who am I?'. In non-fiction, we will dive into *Toys and Games* by Sally Hewitt to design labels, captions, and information texts for our very own class Toy Museum!

# MAPLE *Autumn One* CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



## RE

Our big question this half-term is: "What do Christians believe God is like?" We will introduce the concept of a biblical parable by sharing the story of *The Lost Son*, helping children unpack ideas of kindness, fairness, love, and forgiveness.

## MATHS

We are exploring place value and addition and subtraction by using objects to sort and count. We will recognise numbers as words and count forwards and backwards within 10. To increase fluency, flexibility and confidence with numbers and calculations, Reception will participate in Mastering Number.

## SCIENCE

In Science we will venture into the world of plants and trees! Children will hunt for roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, learn how seeds and bulbs grow, and test how vital water is for plant life. We'll also explore our school grounds to spot the difference between broad deciduous leaves dropping for autumn and stay-green evergreens.

## MUSIC

This term, Maple Class will be keeping the pulse and exploring steady beats using the classic song *My Favourite Things*.

## PE

Maple Class will focus on fundamental movement skills, building confidence in running, jumping, balancing, dodging, and spatial awareness through fun, active games. We will also build coordination in Ball Skills (tracking, rolling, bouncing, and catching).

## PSHE

Our PSHE topic for this term focuses on connecting with others. We will be learning how to keep ourselves and our classmates happy and safe. Children will explore their emotions, learn how to express their needs clearly, and discover simple, everyday ways to show kindness and inclusion.