



Welcome to MAPLE



Dear parents and children,
We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer holidays and are now ready for the new school year! We are working hard to make sure your children are settling back in to the classroom environment well and are allowing for lots of outdoor learning. Our class team this year will be Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Ellison, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Beresford. Mrs Hewitt is the lead teacher Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Ellison Thursday and Friday.

Spellings

Spellings will be accessible on Google Classroom for each half term. Spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays. These may be spelling patterns, spelling rules, high frequency words or words related to topic work. Your support in helping your children learn these words at home is appreciated. We consciously look for children applying new words to their work all the time rather than just remembering them for a weekly test.

Reading

Children will take part in daily reading activities and we would like to encourage parents to read with the children at home.

We continue to change books on a Monday and Thursday and we will quarantine any books that are being swapped. Our class reader this half term will be 'Skysong' by Abi Elphinstone

Physical Education

Outdoor PE will be on **Monday (children to come into school wearing their outdoor kit)** and indoor PE will be on **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child has their indoor PE kit in school.

Topics

Topics this term include 'Electricity' in Science and 'The Romans' in History. These topics will also flow in to other curriculum areas such as Art and Design.

We are excited to inform you that the children will be participating in string instrument lessons every week for 15 weeks. These lessons will be taught by a professional musician and each child will be allocated an instrument (more details to follow). Conversational French, PSHE/RE and ICT will also be taught. Our Curriculum Map is available for your information on our website.

Homework

In addition to weekly Spellings, please encourage your child to read each day, if they are a fluent reader they don't need to read aloud but please ask them questions about what they've read. We are focussing on language acquisition this term and are asking children to write down, in their reading record, 3 new words they have come across in their reading each week. This will be checked on Wednesdays. For Maths we are asking children to spend 5 to 10 mins, 3 times a week, on TTRockstars. Please let us know if you have any issues with your log in.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, or if there is anything you think we should know about them or their circumstances, please do not hesitate to let us know, so we can work together to help them. Unfortunately, we are unable to talk with parents on the school playground or invite them in to school. Therefore, we ask that if you would like to speak to Mrs Hewitt or Mrs Ellison, then please use our class email or ring school for an appointment.

Many thanks, from Maple team.