



Welcome to the Maple Class Newsletter!

Summer 1, 2023

This half term, we'll be exploring our theme word, which is 'Community'.

We'll be exploring this word and how it links to the world we live in through our Art, Computing, PSHE, Geography and Science lessons. Keep on reading to find out what we'll be learning about in these subjects.



Dates for your diary: Wednesday 3rd May, 2:00-3:00, - Mundford Junction

Tuesday 23rd May 2, 2:30- 3:00, Maple Showcase

In Science we'll be learning about materials. We'll be reminding ourselves of the names of materials (which we learnt in Year 1) and will be comparing the properties of materials.	In Geography, we'll be looking at different maps and how they are used by communities. We'll be reminding ourselves of the continents and oceans around the world as well as learning about the compass points too.	In Art we'll be learning about portraits! Our key artist is René Magritte! We'll look at different types of sketching pencils and how different sketching pencils create a different texture to our artwork!
In DT, we'll be designing and making our own fridge magnets and will be putting our sewing skills to the test by making a perfect pouch for a map!	In Computing, we'll be learning about spreadsheets and reminding ourselves on how we stay safe online. We'll be thinking about different pieces of information and how these can be stored and presented using spreadsheets.	In Music, we'll be brushing up on our recorder skills, learning new notes and new songs to perform to you all. We'll be listening to different pieces of music from around the world, and how communities use music for different purposes.
In R.E, we'll be exploring the question 'Why do people have different views about the idea of God?'. We'll be exploring different religions and what God means to them.		

Each half term, as well as completing the weekly Ed Shed and Numbots challenges, the children have a homework challenge linked to our topic. These are this half term's challenges, children can complete the challenges in any way they wish (*pictures, a scrapbook, a diary, a video of them explaining what they've discovered, a game we can play are a few ideas to get you started!*). Please bring in any completed challenges on the week commencing 22nd May 2023 for us to showcase what they've been up to.

Homework Challenges

Bubble Bath Bubbles! Create your own science experiment with bubble bath bubbles. How long do bubble bath bubbles last for? Do different brands last longer/shorter than others?	Material Madness What can different materials do? Experiment with different materials in your house, why are they good at their job?	Maps, Maps, Maps What would your house look like from the sky? Draw a map of the layout, can you create your own symbol key too?	Community Potion What do you think are the key ingredients for a community? How much of each ingredient is needed to make a perfect community?	Communities Near You Which communities are you a part of? 	 What does God mean to you? What does God do? How does God behave?	Sewing skills Can you make your own tic tac toe game for your family to enjoy? 
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