

Maple Class Newsletter – Spring 1st 2024

English



Core Text: We are Water Protectors

Reading Focus:

- Answering how & why questions.
- re-reading to fluency and word recognition

Writing Focus:

- Using capital letters and full stops correctly to separate sentences.
- Using conjunctions to join two simple sentences.
- Correct formation of all small and capital letters.

Maths

We will start by continuing to work on addition & subtraction, with a focus on 2-digit numbers.

Then later in the term, we will move on to looking at money and multiplication & division.

For more information refer to the Maths Knowledge Organisers and the Year 2 Expectations Booklet on the Maple Class page of school website.

Science: How do we choose the best material?

Knowledge: Materials can be changed by physical force (twisting, bending, squashing and stretching). Recognise wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard and know some uses of each.

Skills: Identify & compare common materials.

Find out how shapes of solid objects can be made by twisting, bending, squashing and stretching.

Vocabulary: waterproof, fabric, rubber, cars, rock, paper, cardboard, wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, twisting, squashing, bending, matches, cans, spoons,

THEME: Why is it Good to be Me?

PSHE: recognise our gifts and talents; understand the feeling proud; know what it means to feel anxious v relaxed and know some strategies for helping them feel calm & relaxed; being grateful.

Art: painting skills & brush control; creating self-portraits in the style of Rene Magritte.

Music: describe how music makes them feel and compose music to represent themselves and their feelings; use suitable rhythm, dynamics and timbre.

History: we will be researching the life of someone from the past who inspires us; the class have chosen to focus on monarchs and sportspeople.

Computing: Coding

Children will learn that an algorithm is a sequence of instructions.

They will create a program using algorithms and use buttons, objects and events.

PE: How can we be a good sport?

Monday: Games with Mr Brotherhood

Thursdays: Forest Schools with Mrs Cross

*Be supportive towards others. Work & play co-operatively.
Use rules fairly to keep a game going. Recognise that good sportsmanship includes playing fairly, being kind, avoiding arguments and trying your best.*

RE

How do Christians show they belong to their faith family?

Key Vocabulary: Baptism, belong, belonging, chalice, Christening, Communion, faith, font, paten, worship.

Weekly Homework

Maths

MATHS: Year 2 children should be playing on Numbots Story Mode every week.
Please let us know if you are unable to access this at home.

Reading

Children should be reading and answering questions about their reading every day. Please record this in their home-school diaries.

Spellings

These will be sent home every Monday. Children who are able will be tested on the words the following Monday. Less confident children should still practice writing the words and forming the letters correctly.

Optional Termly Homework Projects

- Create a 'Good to be Us' poster or collage of your family. What makes you special?
 - Keep a gratitude journal.
- Build a forest schools den in your garden.
- Science Experiments: What material is best to wrap an ice-cube in to stop it melting? How long do bubble bath bubbles last for?