

Maple Spring 1 News Letter



Topics for this half term include:
Canals and Waterways.

Language:

This half term the children will be looking at the story of The Abominables to allow them to continue to develop their narrative and non-fiction writing. The book contains messages of human rights, advocacy, and environmentalism but without it being too obvious. It provides a window of opportunity for children to see the importance of caring not only for things that matter to them but also about the environment we live in.

Children are to also be sent home the spelling patterns taught during this half term on a weekly basis for year two and a fortnightly basis for year three.

Numeracy

Yr2/3 will focus on Multiplication and Division linked to White Rose Hub. Initially Yr2 will learn how to use arrays and repeated addition to help teach them to understand the commutative law of multiplication and division. They will also begin to recall multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Yr3 will be introduced to the grid method for multiplying 2-digit numbers by single digits initially by using arrays to represent the calculation then translate this to grid method. They will also recall multiplication facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Geography

Our topic for this half term is looking at human geography - this includes types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources such as food, water and energy. This will be studied by looking at transport along the canals where children will learn about the role the canals played in transporting a variety of goods.

Art & Design Technology: Through sketching children will use a variety of techniques to shade and create artwork linked to the canals and waterways.

Computing: All children will learn to continue to develop their skills in finding and retrieving information from safe sites to use within their topic and English work.

Music: will be supplied by County Music, year three children will be taught the fife and progress to the flute this year.

PHSE: The theme this term is 'Going for Goals'. This theme focuses mainly on the key aspect of motivation including a focus on self-awareness. It gives an opportunity for all children's abilities, qualities and strengths to be valued.

PE: In this term's unit Year 2 children will focus on developing their gymnastic skills. They will investigate movement, stillness and how to find and use space safely. They will explore basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus. They will learn to develop skills and agility individually, in combination and in sequence.

RE: The theme for this half term is Islam. This investigation enables children to find out about sacred books from more than one religion. They discuss what makes a 'holy' book. Children learn how holy books are treated and that some stories appear in more than one book.

Science: Yr2 will focus on the topic 'Animals including Humans' and learn about the life cycles of humans and other creatures. Yr3 will look at 'Fossils and Rocks'.

Notices:

Can you please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on Thursdays (outdoor) and that they take out their earrings or have plasters to cover them?

Swimming will be on Friday afternoons. Can you please make sure that your child has their swimming kit in school?

Reading journals will be checked on Thursdays. Please ensure that they are in school so that they can be checked, even if their book does not need to be changed. Children will need to write in their journals about the book they are reading i.e. what it is about, what they are enjoying about the story or not enjoying.

If children would like tuck at break-time they should bring in a pound on Monday morning (it is helpful if this is in a named envelope).