

Maple Spring 1 News Letter



Topics for this half term include:
France

Language:

This half term the children will be looking at the story of Charlotte's Web to allow them to continue to build a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures. The book helps to teach them about character development through changes in feelings and emotions. It helps them explore the themes of friendship, the passing of time and relationships portrayed in the text. We will also look at different types of poetry exploring feelings linked to the characters within our story.

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

We will focus on Multiplication and Division linked to White Rose Hub. Children will be introduced to the grid method for multiplying 2-digit numbers by a one digit number. They will solve multiplication problems including missing number problems. They will also learn how to develop mental strategies using commutativity. They will also recall multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, 10 times tables. In division they will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 times tables. They will continue to work out unknown division facts by grouping on a number line as well as being taught the concept of remainders. They will then move on to using short division for larger 2-digit numbers.

Geography

Our topic for this half term is France. Children will learn how to locate the seven continents of the world then looking more closely at a map of Europe. They will identify differences between a continent, country and capital city. They will use maps to locate capital cities and start to explore features of some major cities. They will make a comparison between London and Paris.

Art & Design Technology: This will link to our English work on Charlotte's web, looking at exploring the shapes and architecture of spider's webs.

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 as well as developing their coding skills.

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

PHSE: The theme this term is 'Friendship'. This theme links to our English work with the Power of Reading within our book Charlotte's Web. We will look at friendship and what it means to be a 'loyal and true' friend. We will consider feelings around bereavement and how to move on.

PE: In this term's unit the children will focus on developing their gymnastic skills. They will investigate movement, stillness and how to find and use space safely. They will continue to swim weekly.

RE: The theme for this half term is Judaism. This Judaism unit will teach the class about key aspects of the Jewish faith. They will work creatively to enhance their learning experience. They will find out where Judaism originated, about special places linked to Judaism and about key festivals in Jewish life. The children will also learn about symbols in Judaism, the Jewish holy book and the main beliefs held by Jews.

Science: Science will focus on the topic Animals including Humans and learn about the life cycles of humans and other creatures. They will look at diets and teeth and the importance of keeping healthy.

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 Wednesday 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 the cost is 20p a day, Please pay a poun on Mondays for the week.