

Maple Spring 2 News Letter



Topics for this half term include:
Traditional Tales.

Language:

This half term the children will be looking at the Traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel. There will be a focus on various aspects of grammar throughout the term with a view to children incorporating these into their narrative writing. Elements of drama will also be included and discussions about characters feelings will explored through methods such as hot seating and conscience alley. They will learn how to build different elements to a story to create a solid piece of independent writing by the end of the sessions.

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 finishing off division linked to White Rose Hub. Initially Yr2 will continue to use arrays to help them recognise grouping and sharing. They will then move on to looking at money. They will also begin to recall multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Yr3 will be introduced to division using arrays and number lines. As they become secure in their understanding they will be then taught the short 'bus stop' method. They will then move on to looking at measurement including money. 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 where 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: Children will through sketching, use a variety of techniques to shade and create artwork linked to The Canals and waterways.

Computing: Children will be taught the principles of how a branching database works. In pairs/small groups they will create a simple database about minibests or transport on paper or card and then go on to creating the same database using a computer programme.

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 'Good to be Me'. This theme is the first of two focusing specifically on feelings. It explores feelings in the context of the child as an individual, The theme is about understanding our feelings as well as considering our strengths and weaknesses as learners. It aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy. The theme focuses on:

PE: In this term's unit Year 2 children will participate in games activities. They will learn to improve and apply their basic skills in games. They will play games that require simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points, this will help them to develop strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition.

RE: The theme for this half term is Salvation. Children by the end of the unit will know that Christians see Holy week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.

Science: Yr2 /3 will focus on plants. They will learn to understand how flowers reproduce and that plants like humans need certain conditions in order to live.

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 please bring a pound in on Mondays for the week.