

Maple Spring 2 News Letter



Topics for this half term include:

RE: The Easter story

Language:

During the first part of the half term the children will be specifically looking at features of non-chronological reports with a view to creating our own factual report on spiders linked to Charlotte's web. During the second part of this half term we will be looking at the story of Oliver and the Seawigs where we will learn how to write a story from another characters point of view. Children are to also be sent home the spelling patterns taught during this half term on a fortnightly basis for year three.

Numeracy

Yr3 will focus on fractions. They will learn to recognise the difference between a unit and non-unit fraction. Count up and down in tenths recognising that tenths arise from dividing an object into ten equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10. They will be taught how to recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. They will also solve problems involving all of the above,

Geography

Comparing human and physical geography between England and other European countries.

Art & Design Technology: This will link to our English work on Oliver and the Seawigs creating a collage of Deepwater bay.

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 this year.

PHSE: The theme this term is 'Friendship'. This theme links to our English work with the Power of Reading within our book Oliver and the Seawigs. We will look at friendship, look at links to bullying and discuss what is right and wrong.

PE: In this term's unit Year 3 children will focus on developing their ball skills. They will participate in games involving ball skills learning how to develop their throwing and catching.

RE: The theme for this half term is Salvation. By the end of this unit children should be able to order Creation and Fall, Gospel and Salvation within a timeline of the Bible's big story. They will also discuss the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus and what this means to Christians, talk about how Christians mark the Easter events in their church communities and make links between some of the stories and teachings in the Bible and life in the world today.

Science: We will focus on the topic of Light. This 'Light' unit will teach the children about light, reflections and shadows. They will learn about different sources of light, and that we need

light to see. They will work in a hands-on way to play a range of mirror games, finding out more about reflective surfaces as well as finding out how shadows change when the distance between the object and light source changes. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

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 bring in pound a pound on Mondays for the week.

Please note

Maple will not be swimming on the following dates:

20th March

27th March

3rd April

10th April