



Maple Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Here is a summary of what your child will be learning this half term:

English

This term our chosen text is 'One Plastic Bag' written by Miranda Paul. It is a true story of Isatou Ceesay who saw the problem that the proliferation of plastic bags was causing in her country, the Gambia, contaminating the environment and killing the goats that swallowed them. She collaborated with other local women to crochet thread made from the plastic bags to create purses resulting in a thriving trade and reducing pollution. The text will provide an abundance of writing opportunities for the children, including creating leaflets, instructions, poetry and extending the narrative with their own ideas.

Please ensure that your child continues to read widely at home and to record their progress in their Home Reading Journals. Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week at home. Reading journals are collected in every Wednesday and Spelling books on a Monday.

Maths

During the first half of the term, the children will be focusing on Fractions including recognising common equivalent fractions, fractions greater than one, adding and subtracting fractions and finding a fraction of a quantity. For the remainder of the half term, the children will be learning about numbers as decimals, dividing one and two digit numbers by 10 and 100 and identifying the values of each digit.

Maths Home Learning journals are collected in on Wednesdays.

Science

Our topic this half term is Scientists and Inventors, The children will learn about Joseph Priestley, Antoine Lavoisier, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, Marie Curie and Valenentina Treshkova. The children will be involved in trying out some of the investigations that they carried out and learn about how they have changed the world.

RE/PSHE

Our topic for RE is 'Salvation', children will be learning about why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'. We will be looking at the Last Supper and revisiting why Easter Matters, the idea of salvation and events of the Holy Week.

Our focus for PSHE is this term is 'Good to Be Me', It explores feelings in the context of the child as an individual, developing self awareness and helping the child to realise that it is 'Good to be me'. It's about understanding our feelings as well as considering our strength and weaknesses as learners.



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PE

On Mondays, we will be developing our athletic skills including javelin, standing long jump, 50m sprint and 400m distance running. In addition, the children will also be coached by Top Score on a Wednesday. Please ensure your children have their PE kits in school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Design Technology

In conjunction with our English learning and the theme of recycling, the children will be designing and making their own re-usable fabric tote bags made from an old T-shirt. They will explore various stitching and joining techniques as well as decorating and finishing skills.

Notes and Reminders

P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school until Friday and can earrings be either taken out or **covered with plasters**.

This newsletter only gives a brief outline of our topics this half term – if you need any further information about any aspect of the curriculum or your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Mrs G. Rose & Mrs Clark