



## Maple Class Autumn 2018



Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you all had a good summer break. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child into Maple class. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

### Study Overview

Our topic for the autumn term is 'Britain's Settlements: Anglo-Saxons and Scots'. In history we will be focusing on everything from what village life was like in Anglo-Saxon times to the different Gods the Anglo-Saxons worshipped and how the Anglo-Saxon's used runes to write. In geography we will focus our studies on where the Anglo-Saxons came from and why they decided to settle in Britain. If your child would like to bring in any books, pictures, artefacts etc. on our topic they would be most welcome.



In science we will be investigating electricity and sound up to half term and then animals including humans up to Christmas.

Mrs Kitt will be teaching the children ICT every Thursday and will be building on the children's existing skills, starting with coding.

In RE the children will learn about Christianity. We will learn about how Christianity affects the way Christians live their lives and how this is expressed in practice.



The children will need their PE kit, both indoor and outdoor, on Tuesdays and Fridays each week when we will be developing skills in Netball, Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) and Sports Hall Athletics.

On Tuesday afternoons the children will be taught Music or Art by Mrs Skanski-Such.

### Useful Information

Homework and spellings will be issued each Friday and homework will be due the following Thursday. However, children may choose to hand in their homework early. House points will be given for imagination, neatness and overall effort. Unfortunately, children who do not

hand in homework will be required to complete it in their break time to avoid falling behind their classmates.

Spellings will be tested on a Monday and any misspelt words will be sent home and retested each day.

I would appreciate your help and support in encouraging your child to read approximately 10 pages at home every night and record this in their home-school diaries. The children must bring in their home reading book each day as they will be reading it in class during independent reading sessions.



Times tables will be tested weekly. It is hugely important that children learn their times tables as they are the root to understanding so many different areas of mathematics. By the end of Year 4 it is expected that children are able to recall multiplication facts up to 12x12. Children in Year 5 will be expected to consistently know and apply their multiplication facts.

Our class assembly will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Everyone is welcome. The start time is 2:45pm.

Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for playtime. A piece of fruit or a plain biscuit is recommended.

I am always happy to discuss any matters concerning your child and am available to speak to briefly in the playground at the end of the day or for longer/ confidential appointments after school by appointment. Please either speak to me directly or contact the office to arrange this.

Kind regards

Miss Winfield (Class Teacher)

Mrs Manley (Teaching Assistant) (This is Mrs Cade's new married name!)

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Maple class. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year.

#### Study Overview

Our topic for the autumn term is 'The Romans'. In history we will be focusing on Roman life and the Roman invasion of Britain and its effects. In geography we will focus our studies on Roman Lincoln and the similarities and differences between Italy and Britain. If your child would like to bring in any books, pictures, artefacts etc. on our topic they would be most welcome.

In science we will be investigating electricity and sound up to half term and then animals including humans up to Christmas.

Mrs Kitt will be teaching the children for ICT every Thursday and will be building on the children's existing skills, starting with coding.

In RE the children will learn about several religious festivals from different faiths including Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism.

The children will need their PE kit on Wednesday and Friday each week when we will be continuing to develop their skills in Netball, Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) and Sports Hall Athletics.

On Tuesday afternoon the children will be taught Music or Art by Mrs Skanski-Such.

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Homework and spellings will be issued each Friday and homework will be due the following Thursday. However, children may choose to hand in their homework early. House points will be given for imagination, neatness and overall effort. Unfortunately children who do not hand in homework will be required to complete it in their break time to avoid falling behind their classmates. Spellings will be tested on a Monday and any misspelt words will be sent home and retested each day.

I share the school's vision to develop in our pupils a love of reading for pleasure and therefore I would appreciate your help and support in encouraging your child to read at least 3 times a week at home and recording this in their home reading diaries. This could be a chapter or a few pages at a time. The children must bring in their home reading book each day as they will be reading it in class during independent reading sessions.

Times tables will be tested weekly. It is hugely important that children learn their times tables as they are the root to understanding so many different areas of mathematics. By the end of Year 4 it is expected that children be able to recall multiplication facts up to 12x12. Children in Year 5 will be expected to consistently know and apply their multiplication facts.

Each child in the class will be given their own cup so they can have a drink of water before and after break times. They may bring a water bottle if they wish.

Our class assembly will take place on Friday 13th October. Everyone is welcome. The start time is 2:45pm.

If your child requires any medications please speak to me as soon as possible. Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for playtime. A piece of fruit or a plain biscuit is recommended.

I am always happy to discuss any matters concerning your child and am available to speak to briefly in the playground at the end of the day or for longer/ confidential appointments after school by appointment. Please either speak to me directly or contact the office to arrange this. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Kind regards