



## Maple Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Maple class. I am 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 sound up to half term and then electricity until Christmas.

In ICT we will continue to build on our knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.

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 Tuesday and Thursday each week when we will be continuing to develop their skills in Netball and gymnastics.

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning the children will be taught music and art by Mrs Skanski-Such.



### Useful Information

Homework and spellings will be issued each Friday and will be due/tested 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.



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 as well as talking to them about their books. This could be a chapter or a few pages at a time and should be noted in their home reading diary. The children must bring in their home reading diary and reading book **at least** once a week.

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 bottle if they wish but they will not be allowed to have bottles on their desk.

Our class assembly will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead. I know it is going to be an exciting year.

Kind regards

Mrs H Woodlock Class Teacher

Miss Jones Teaching Assistant

