

Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter

Maple and Pine Class (Year 3/4)

It has been lovely getting to know the children during transition week; they have made a fabulous start to their new class. Below, you will find some information about what your child will be learning in our class in the Autumn term. Please contact the school office if you have any questions and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your support.

PE:

This term, our PE days are on Monday and Friday. We will be looking at different invasion games and dance.

Please continue to send your child into school in PE kit on these days (a plain house colour t-shirt, black or grey shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, plus trainers or plimsolls). Long hair should be tied back, and earrings and jewellery removed.

Maths:

Our focus will be on place value and then moving on to addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Year 4 will also briefly cover area.



Please encourage your child to continue to access TTRockstars. Your child has a reminder of their login details (inside their reading diary). Any support from home with times tables is greatly appreciated.

English:

In English, we will have whole class reading four times a week. We will read extracts from a variety of texts and genres focusing on 'VIPERS' - vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval, summarise. Please note that this is not recorded in your child's diary. We will however write in when your child has read 1:1 with an adult, although this is likely to be infrequent. Please continue to write in when you read at home – it really does help! We will also start reading our class book for this term, 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher.

In writing, we will be working on retelling a story and writing our own, recounts, poetry, persuasive writing and non-chronological reports (subject to change).

In spellings, we will be looking at different spelling patterns and 'sight' words that do not fit into a particular pattern, as well as starting the new Super Sonic Phonics Spellings for Key Stage 2. We do not have weekly spelling 'tests', but your child may also have individual words that they have misspelt in their own written work written in their diaries.

We will be having extra emphasis on handwriting and presentation this half term too.

Science:

We will be learning about plants, including naming the parts, identifying their function and about their life cycles. We will also learn about sound.

Music:

Year 4 pupils will be learning to play the ukelele with our Wider Opportunities specialist teacher. Meanwhile, Year 3s will be learning through our music scheme, Charanga; the topic is 'Let your spirit fly' which includes active listening and playing glockenspiels.

Computing:

Our two computing units for Autumn term are:

- Computing Systems - Connecting Computers
- Creating Media -Animation

We will also discuss Internet Safety.

PSHE:

We will be working on the topics of:

- Being Responsible
- Being Me

	For more detail, please see the PSHE page on our school website for an overview of lesson objectives for each year group.
<u>RE:</u> In RE we will be answering the key questions: • Why is Jesus inspiring to some people? • How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?	<u>Modern Foreign Languages</u> We will be learning French this year. Our topics will be: • 'I am learning French' • 'Animals'
<u>History:</u> Our focus for the whole of the Autumn term is the theme of settlement. We will begin by looking at the 'Belper 250' project and how lifestyles have changed. We will also be studying the following periods of history: • Stone Age • Roman Britain • Aztecs	<u>Behaviour:</u> We will continue to use the same behaviour policy as we did last year: We will send 'over and above' cards home to let you know if your child has gone beyond the expected behaviour that day. We will continue to have 'R' time on a Friday to reward the children's efforts. We will also continue to use the 'reminder, warning, last chance, time out' steps for any behaviour that disrupts learning. We will communicate with you about any time outs your child receives.
<u>Art</u> Our unit will be 'Storytelling Through Drawing'. We will be exploring how artists create sequenced drawings to share and tell stories. We will create an accordion book to retell a poem through drawing.	
<u>Other information:</u> • If you write a message in your child/children's diary, please remind them to show us, as they will only usually be checked once a week. • Fruit is not provided for children in Key stage 2. The children may bring in their own snack for playtime and this should only be fruit or vegetables. • Please ensure that water bottles are a sports' cap / flip up straw type to avoid spillages. • Homework will be set each Friday. Please support your child to complete it and return their homework book on or before the following Wednesday. They will usually have a maths task and a reading or spelling activity to complete (plus individual reading at home and practising multiplication using TTRockstars).	

We hope you found this newsletter helpful and that the children have a great half-term!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Driscoll and Miss Richardson