

Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

Pine and Maple

We hope you had a lovely break. We are excited as we begin our final term of the year. Below, you will find some information about what your child will be learning in our class in the summer 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 continued support.

PE:

In the Summer Term, we will be developing our tennis, cricket and athletic skills. Maple will have Forest School in the first half term and Pine in the second half term. In the first half term, both classes will have PE on a Monday. Pine will have their additional PE on a Thursday whilst Maple are in Forest School.

Please continue to send your child into school in PE kit on these days (coloured 'house' t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, plus trainers or plimsolls). Please ensure any earrings are removed on PE days and long hair is tied back.

We have been so proud of the children who took part in Sport Competitions this year and look forward to seeing the children take part in more during the summer term.

Maths:

Year 3: Fractions, Money, Time, Statistics and Shape.

Year 4: Decimals, Money, Time, Statistics, Shape and Position and Direction.

We will also be continually working on our times tables. Instant recall of times tables is so important as this knowledge is used across many maths strands.

The Year 4 pupils will be taking part in the National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. Please encourage your children to continue using TT Rockstars regularly at home. Log in details can be found in the children's diaries. 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 Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

Our units in writing will include character descriptions, instructions, and other non-fiction units. In spellings, we will be using our Super Sonic Phonics Friends Spellings, looking at different spelling patterns and 'sight' words that do not fit into a particular pattern. 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.

Science:

We will learn about 'Living things and their habitats' including classification of different types of animals, habitats and food chains. Aswell, as forces and magnets.

Music:

Year 4 children will be continuing their music sessions with our Wider Opportunities specialist teacher.

Year 3 children will have music with Mrs Driscoll, and we will continue our music journey with 'Bringing us Together' which focuses on disco music.

Computing:

We will be looking at 'Desktop Publishing' where we will be creating a poster. We will also be using Scratch to create a sequenced program.

PSHE

We will be working on the topics of:

- Changes
- Growing Up

For more detail, please see the PSHE page on our school website for an overview of lesson objectives for each year group.

<https://www.longrow.derbyshire.sch.uk/pshe/>

RE:

In RE we will be answering the key questions:

- Why do some people think life is a journey?
- What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Modern Foreign Languages:

We will be looking at:

- Animals
- Ice Creams

Design and Technology:

Our main focus for the whole of the summer term is the theme of 'Create'.

We will be exploring framed structures in DT. Additionally, we will be learning about food hygiene and skills needed when cooking. We will be designing and creating our own dips.

Behaviour:

We will continue to use the school behaviour policy. 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 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.

Art

Our unit will be 'Festival Feast' where we will be exploring painting, drawing and sculpture. We will also be creating a piece of art during transition week but you'll have to wait and see for this surprise.

Other information:

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).

As we move into the warmer weather (hopefully), please ensure your child has an appropriate hat and suncream is applied.

We hope you found this newsletter helpful and we hope the children have a great term!

Kind regards,

Mrs Driscoll and Miss Richardson