



Maple Class Termly Newsletter

Spring 1

Starts: 3rd January – 8th February 2024

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for the start of an exciting new school term.

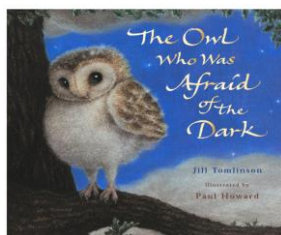
Changes this term...

We have made a few changes this term to ensure that children have better access to the curriculum. For this reason, Maple Class will be split into Maple 1 and Maple 2 for Maths and the foundation subjects. This will allow children to be taught in smaller groups, with learning adapted for their particular year group. English and phonics will continue to be taught in the same way. Children will continue to come together in the mornings and at home time, as well as all taking part in 'Welly Wednesday' on a Wednesday afternoon. We feel that this change will be beneficial to all children.

Our learning this term...

Our topic this term is entitled 'Around the World'. The children will be learning about the countries in different continents around the world. By the end of the unit they should be able to name and locate the continents on a world map, and recall countries and information about each.

In Science, the children are looking at the topic 'Living in Habitats'. They will look at different living things and their habitats, including plants and animals that live in seaside habitats. They will also look at food chains



In English, the children will be looking closely at the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. This unit will develop the children's vocabulary, including some subject specific, technical vocabulary. It will allow the children to develop their sentence writing skills and will eventually lead to them creating a non-chronological report in the form of a fact sheet about owls, using information gathered from the main text.

In Maths, Year 2 are continuing to develop their understanding of multiplication and division. Year 1 will be completing their unit on Place Value and will be moving on to Addition and Subtraction within 20.

Important Information

Home reading – We ask that you write a comment in your child's reading record each time they have read, and ensure that this is brought into school with their book **every day**.

Welly Wednesday - Each Wednesday afternoon we will be exploring outside learning opportunities. On this day children are required to **come to school** in appropriate clothing. This includes **old, warm clothes** that they are able to get muddy and a **waterproof coat**. They will also need **wellington boots** which can be kept in school.

PE – Our **PE days will be on Thursday for Year 1 and Friday for Year 2**. Your child should arrive in their PE kit. This consists of a **white t-shirt/polo shirt, plain black or navy bottoms** (joggers/leggings/PE shorts), **plain black or navy sweatshirt or hooded top**, and trainers.

Homework – Homework is set on **Friday** and collected the following **Wednesday**. New weekly **spellings** will be set each **Monday** and tested on **Friday**.



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Please check Class Dojo regularly to be informed of any upcoming dates.

REMINDER:

Please clearly label all uniform and wellies!

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle!

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Weekly spellings will be sent home to learn, with a weekly spelling test on a Friday.

Reminder...

Wednesday - Forest school (suitable clothing to be worn)

Thursday – PE clothes needed for Year 1

Friday – PE clothes needed for Year 2

DAILY- Children to bring reading record and reading book into school. These will be changed regularly. Practise spellings at home.

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION

School gates open at **8.35am** for a prompt **8.45am** start.

School pick up time is now **3.15pm**

Children should be **dropped off at the main gates and collected from the top playground**

If you have any questions, please speak to one of us at the end of the day or send a message on Class Dojo.

Mrs Cleverley (Class Teacher) & Ms Totterdell (Teaching Assistant)

Year 1/2 Team