Maple Class Newsletter
Autumn 2026 2nd half term





Music
We will be listening to and performing Rock and Roll, whilst developing four-bar [pitch and rhythm.

DT – Terrific Torches
Our DT project this half term will see us attempting to make our own torches from recycled plastics! This links in with our learning about electricity in Science.

Writing
This half term we will be focusing on the Journal of Illiona, Young Slave. By the end of this unit, we will be choosing a roman character and writing a diary from their point of view. Our grammar focus will be conjunctions and front adverbials

Spellings
This term, we will be focusing on using the prefixes – dis-, mis-, im-, in-. We will also be having a look at possessive apostrophes for proper nouns and some homophones.

Reading
We will have daily guided reading sessions in school, focusing on developing our comprehension and inference skills. We will also focus on identifying how information contributes towards meaning, especially in poetry. Please ensure children read at home 3x a week and are making a note of this in their yellow books.

Computing- Audio editing
In this unit, children will get the opportunity to explore and build their understanding around devices and their ability of recording audio.

Geography
Why do we have hot and cold places?

Children will be identifying the position and significance of lines of latitude. They will learn about the different climatic zones across the world and will be comparing and contrasting the precipitation and temperature levels of Woodbury, London, Seville and Manaus.

Science
How can I make my bulb light?

In science, we will be looking at electricity and working out how we can light a bulb in an electrical circuit. We will look start by looking at the importance of electric safety and then move onto creating simple series circuits and exploring how to make the bulb shine brighter and dimmer. We also learn how to include a switch and which materials make good insulators and conductors.

PE and Forest School
We will have PE on a Thursday and the children will be coached by an Exeter Chief's player and will learn how to play Rugby.
Outdoor learning will take place on a Wednesday morning, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately and bring in a change of clothes and shoes as they are likely to get wet and muddy.

Maths
We will be focusing on written methods for subtraction, involving 4 digit numbers and exchanging. Then we will be calculating the area of shapes, comparing areas and making shapes of different areas. Finally we will look at multiplication and division and focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

Times Tables
Times tables are incredibly important and being able to quickly recall multiplication and division facts is a key skill which helps children with a number of different areas of maths. Please support your child in learning their table facts at home by using ***TTRS*** https://ttrockstars.com/ ,the songs listed on Google Classroom or ***Hit the Button*** https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

RE
During this block of RE, we will be looking at what kind of world did Jesus want? Pupils will learn about links between the teachings within Bible and what the meaning of Jesus' good news for Christians is.

PSHE - Jigsaw
In PSHE, we will be learning about Celebrating Differences. Children will recognise the importance of celebrating the different qualities each person has.

Home Learning
Home learning will be uploaded on to Google Classroom every Friday. Please could this be completed and handed in by the following Friday. If your child is struggling with a task that has been set, please don't hesitate to let me know as we are happy to provide support. Please make sure you have enrolled your child into the Maple Class Home Learning page by going to Google classroom, clicking on the + at the top of the page to join a class and then enter the following code: csh54m3c
Could you submit termly home learning on the 20th November and the 11th December.