

# Maple Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2017

Hello from Maple Class!

It's been a busy start to the new half-term and the children have been very excited to tell Mrs Kidd, Mrs Harper and myself all about what they've been getting up to during their week off as well as at Halloween and Bonfire Night.

This half-term looks jam-packed with exciting events and we're all really looking forward to building upon the great learning that we started last term. The build up to Christmas is only weeks away and I'm sure we'll have an exciting half-term to end the year.

Our school topic for this half term is: Celebrate!

Our enquiry question is: Do I celebrate in the same way as you?

## English

This half term the children will be learning about writing poetry inspired by our senses on Bonfire Night. They will also be planning and composing a fictional story based on the story Aladdin and a recount of The Gunpowder Plot.

### English in Sycamore Class

We will be using adjectives to describe characters from Aladdin. We will also be writing three wishes. We will study the poem The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

## Maths

Maple class will be investigating different methods for both Addition and Subtraction. We shall also be learning about Multiplication and Division, Measurement and using money.

### Maths in Sycamore Class

We will continue to secure our knowledge of counting forwards and backwards and of place value. We will also begin to work on addition and subtraction and using fluency, problem solving and reasoning to embed our knowledge.

## Learning Across the Curriculum

This half-term's topic of 'Celebrate!' sees us learning about different celebrations around the world including Bonfire Night and Diwali. The class will be following on from their writing by learning more about Guy Fawkes and the historical significance of The Gunpowder Plot and the time that he lived.

Our investigation of Diwali will see us learning more about the Hindu faith and designing and making our own Deepa Lamp using clay. We will also be cooking some traditional treats used to celebrate Diwali and reading the story of Rama and Sita. We took part in a Jaya Dance workshop which taught elements of Bollywood and Bhangra style dance which all of the children really enjoyed.

## Reminders

Please ensure all uniform is named.

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and wellies kept at school as the weather is turning even wetter and windier!

## How to Support at Home

Please enjoy sharing reading books at home every day. Try to include a range of books including poems.

Keep supporting your child at home by encouraging them to work towards achieving their targets discussed in parent/ teacher meetings at the end of last half-term.

## Class Dates

Y2 Maple class assembly:  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9.10am

Y2 Maple Christmas Café: Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2-3pm

Y1 Sycamore Christmas Café:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9-10am

Class Sharing Afternoon:  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2:45pm