

Maple Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2018

Hello from Maple Class!

We hope you all enjoyed a fun and relaxing Christmas this year and wish you all a very happy New Year. The children of Maple Class were very eager to share their experiences with everyone and it sounds like everybody had a brilliant holiday.

This half-term is quite a short one as we'll only have four weeks left after this week. Although it's short we hope to fit in lots of exciting learning experiences in to the weeks ahead.

Our school topic for this half term is: Green Machines
Our enquiry question is: What powers do plants have?

English

This half term the children will be reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will be taking inspiration from the story to develop character descriptions and work on their story's sentence openers.

English in Sycamore Class

In English we will be reading lots of versions of Jack and the Beanstalk with the view to writing our own versions with alterations. We will also be looking at explanations texts and creating diagrams showing the life cycles of plants.

Maths

Maple class will be investigating the value of different coins and thinking of different ways of creating a total. We will be moving on to using subtraction to give change and using fractions.

Maths in Sycamore Class

In Maths we will be extending our knowledge of place value, addition and calculation to numbers beyond 20. We will also be exploring time and beginning to consider fractions of number and shape.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This half-term's topic of 'Green Machines' is all about plants. The children were excited with the introduction to the topic and were able to recall an impressive amount of information on plants and flowers. Maple Class also came up with a number of questions that we will endeavour to answer over the next few weeks.

Part of this term's topic learning involves the children planting and caring for their own plant. On Monday we planted our bean plant seeds and the children discussed what their plants will need to grow and the process of germination. The children will be looking after them and helping them grow.

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

Our Spelling Project is up and running again for the new year. All classrooms have displays on which the children can show and celebrate their spelling achievements. Please send in any work that your child does at home so they can feel proud of their efforts.

Class Dates

Y2 Parents/Teacher Progress Meetings:

Friday 2nd Feb, 3.00-4.00pm,
Monday 5th Feb, 3.00-4.00pm,
Tuesday 6th Feb, 3.00-4.00pm,
Wednesday 7th Feb, 3.00-4.00pm

Class Sharing Afternoon:
Thursday 1st Feb, 2:45pm

The Spixworth Spelling Project



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Also look out for your regular look, say, cover, write, check sheets and for spellings on Tapestry. We would love to hear your views and feedback through the comments section on Tapestry.