

Maple Class Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome back after a fabulous summer. I am sure that we all enjoyed the sunny weather. I am really looking forward to working with Maple Class. The children have settled in well and are already taking ownership of their new classroom by joining in with routines and familiarising themselves with the layout of the room. The class are bonding well and it is great to watch some new friendships form.

Miss Mattock and Miss Gowing

Our school topic for this half term is: Dream Big

Our enquiry question is: How big is a dream?

English

We will be exploring repetition in order to write simple sentences, by looking at patterned language in *Funnybones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. In non-fiction we will be exploring the structure of instructions and will be linking this to our self-portraits. Poetry will link to the senses and the children will learn to create and recite a simple poem.

We will visit the library on Thursdays to allow children to select from a wide range of genres.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be consolidating our understanding of place value and using this to explore and consolidate our use of number. We will also be practising counting, ordering and writing numbers. We will also revisit addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. Year 1 will focus on doubling and halving. Year 2 will extend upon previous learning in Year 1.

Our school continues to subscribe to Mathseeds which offers fun activities to consolidate Maths

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our topic will take a history focus. We will investigate changes that have occurred during the children's lifetime, including development of skills and recent inventions. We will also learn about Grace Hopper as an inspirational person. In Science, we will investigate the human body and also look at how humans and animals adapt for different environments. As part of our topic, Dream Big, we would like our children to find out all about the different jobs they could aspire to do when they grow up. In order to make this a success, we need to have as many different careers showcased as possible. This will take the format of a careers fair in which children move around asking questions about the jobs that interest them. If you are available on the 11th October, please see your child's class teacher ASAP. This cannot work without you!

Reminders

PE kits should be brought in on Monday for the week ahead.

Don't forget your named sun hats and water bottles.

We do our learning in all weathers, inside and out, so please dress for the weather.

How to Support at Home

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of home learning. Please read regularly at home and record these in reading records, please send records in daily. Look Cover Write Check sheets will be sent home every two weeks. As before, Mathseeds, Purple Mash and Espresso can be used to support learning at home

Class Dates

Year 1 Maths Café – Wednesday 26th September 9am-10am

Year 2 Writing Café – Thursday 27th September 9am-10am

Sharing Afternoon – Thursday 4th October 2.45pm

Parents Evenings – 5-10th October 2018

Harvest Festival – Monday 15th October

