

Maple Class Newsletter

November 2018

Maple Class have had a great first half term. Everybody has settled in well and are adapting to life in Year 1. The children all enjoyed the Maths café and loved having our number cards to take home. They also had a great time at our careers afternoon and learned lots of interesting facts about different jobs, which has inspired them to consider what they might like to do in the future.

Miss Mattock and Miss Gowing

Our school topic for this half term is: Lights, Camera Action
Our enquiry question is: What are all the colours in the world?

English

This half term we will be focussing on Cinderella. To engage with the story we will take part in lots of drama and discussion based activities, such as dressing up to create a character, imagining we are in different settings and discussing what different characters are like. Once immersed in the story we will use our new learning to create our own version of the story and to write invitations to the school ball (disco). Our poetry this half term will be inspired by Christmas.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will continue to consolidate addition and subtraction through practical tasks using concrete and pictorial resources. We will also investigate 2D and 3D shape learning shape names and properties and beginning to think about fraction, position and direction and symmetry. We will also learn about money including recognising coins and understanding their values. Maths Seeds continues to be available to support with Maths skills at home.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our topic will take a Geography and Design and Technology focus. We will investigate seasons and the weather and link this to our light and dark topic through finding out about day length and how the sun affects day and night in different parts of the world. For design technology we will be making shadow puppets and thinking about how shadows are made. In Science we are going to focus on experiments linked to light and colour and learn key skills such as prediction, observation and testing out theories. Experiments will include making a rainbow and fireworks in a jar! In computing we will be learning about algorithms (a set of instructions for a computer) and how to keep safe online. Our R.E. learning will also link to our topic of light as we will be looking at how light is used in different religious celebrations across the world.

Reminders

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

Don't forget to have a coat and wellies in school every day for daily mile, playtimes and forest schools.

Please return library books each Thursday.

How to Support at Home

Home reading records are checked daily and the children receive house points for reading at home so please remember to complete the reading record every time you read with your child. Look Cover Write Check sheets have proved popular and will continue to be sent home every two weeks. Weekly spelling videos are also posted of Tapestry as a fun way to learn spellings at home.

Class Dates

Parents forum – 7th November

Health visitor drop ins – 12th November

Christmas Café – 28th November 2-3pm
(Siblings welcome)

Parents Evenings – 30th November – 5th December

Christmas lunch – 12th December

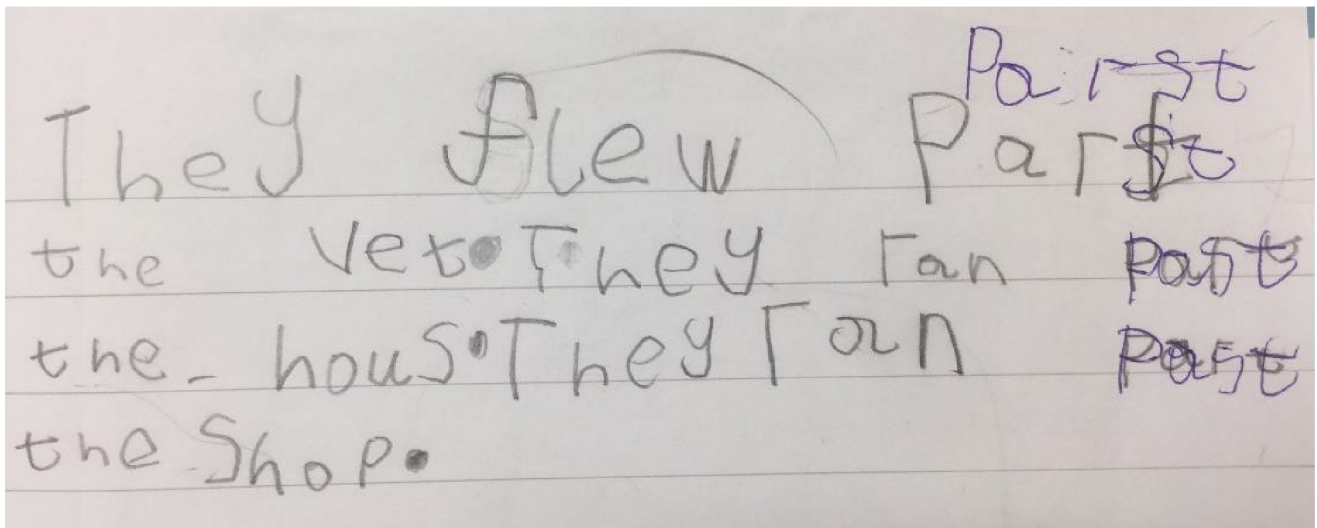
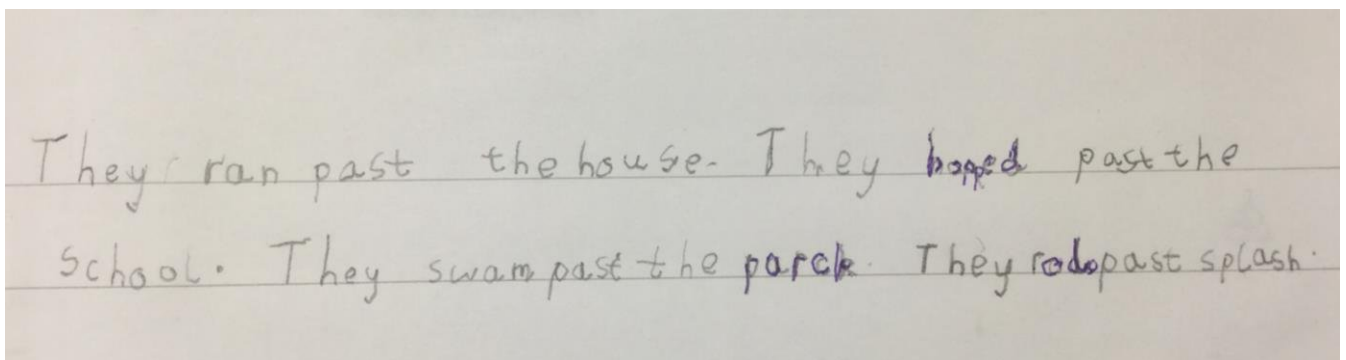
Christmas plays – 13th-14th December

Our eight week project this term focusses on reading for understanding.

A key part of understanding what has been read is discussing the words used within the book and thinking about why the author has made these word choices. This skill allows children to 'magpie' or steal words, learned through reading, to use in their own writing.

This is just one of the many reasons that it is so important for children to read regularly at home. Children should aim to read at least three times a week in order to develop confidence and fluency.

Below are some examples of how Maple Class have stolen words from the book Funnybones to use in their own writing.



Our library was full to bursting so the school librarians will be holding a book stall on

Tuesday 13th November at 3.15pm.

Feel free to take as many books as you like. If you wish to make a contribution towards these it would be gratefully received. The librarians will be selecting some new guided reading books with any profits that they make.