

# Maple Class Newsletter

March 2019

Welcome back. We are looking forward to seeing signs of spring! To link with this and our new topic our latest reading challenge is called the reading garden. The commencement day for science week is the 11th March. During this week, each day, each class will participate in a science experiment or investigation around the school. This year's topic is 'Journeys' we will be thinking about different journeys around the world such as plastic in the ocean or the journey of a seed turning into a plant. At the end of the week will work together to make a poster to show our understanding of a journey that we have enjoyed learning about.

**Our school topic for this half term is: Food Glorious Food**  
**Our enquiry question is: Why should we grow our own food?**

## English

This half term we will be focussing on the story of the Enormous Turnip. We will be focusing on the structure of the story and repetitive language. We will then rewrite our own version of the story by changing the vegetable and the characters. Our non-fiction work will be a recount of our visit to the farm. We will be using words such as first, next, after that and finally. We will then investigate nonsense words rhyming poetry.

## Maths

In Maths this half term we will be looking at multiplication and division. This will be considered in a variety of ways such as counting in steps of 5 and 10 by using the gram weights, looking at fractions of number such as halves and quarters and linking this to dividing by two and four. We will be working on this in a practical context such as using pictures for repeated addition and multiplication and physically sharing things for division.

## Learning Across the Curriculum

Our topic will take a Geography focus. We will be looking at the United Kingdom and thinking about what this means. We will also look at the four countries of the UK and learn about national foods, dances, flags, symbols and landmarks. We will end the unit by comparing life in the UK to life in Kenya. In Science we will be investigating plants growing in our school grounds. We will also look at a variety of fruit and vegetables and investigate how they grow. We will be growing our own herbs in class to investigate growth and different species of plant. These activities will focus on working scientifically to acquire knowledge. In Computing we will be learning about algorithms and debugging by working with a range of equipment including Beebots, iPads and laptops. In RE we will be learning about the rituals and beliefs around Easter.

## Reminders

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

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

Please return library books each Thursday.

## How to Support at Home

This half term we will continue to send home real and nonsense words for the children to practise. Please return these each Friday to be changed.

Weekly Tapestry homework will also be set offering a fun interactive homework option.

Reading continues to be the most important thing that you can do with your child.

## Class Dates

Assessment workshop – 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Science Week - 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March

Farm Visit – 18<sup>th</sup> March

Maple Class assembly – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Sharing afternoon – 25<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evenings – 29<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## Tapestry 8 week project

As the Tapestry project comes to an end we would like to share with you some of the children's thoughts on sharing their learning experiences with their class.

Please continue to add learning experiences from home as we will continue to share these.

If you are still having difficulties logging in or need any support with Tapestry please either email the school or come and see Mrs Jackson (Oak Class) after school on a Thursday or Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support.

What do we have at home which is made from trees. "A coffee table"

We had to find the tigers and then we played in a play kitchen. It was the Tiger that Came for Tea.

We went to Nottcutts to visit the animals.

I challenged myself by doing back bends.