

# Maple Class Newsletter

November 2019

Welcome back to another busy half term. We are pleased to welcome Mr Woolley to Maple Class and look forward to getting to know him over the coming weeks. We hope you are enjoying our new Learning Outside the Classroom passports and are pleased to see so many children taking part in this.

We have lots of Christmas events to look forward to, including Christmas lunch, Christingle and of course the Christmas production. We look forward to another productive half term and remind you that our doors are always open if you have questions, concerns or just want a chat.

Miss Mattock, Miss Gowing and Mr Woolley

## Our school topic for this term is: Bright Lights, Big City

### Bright Lights, Big City in Maple Class

This half term we will continue to explore the Great Fire of London. We will take more of a Design and Technology approach by looking carefully at pictures of Tudor houses and considering how we can make our own Tudor houses. We will also consider stability and materials as we intend to create our own great fire by burning the house, safely, later in the term. In Art, we will be looking at Van Gogh, focussing particularly on his work 'The Starry Night'.

In Music, we will be learning about the piece of music 'The Firebird' by Stravinsky. This will link to our English learning, as we will be sharing the tale of the Firebird.

### Class Reminders

- Please return library books on a Thursday.
- PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please have PE kits in school all week.
- Reading records should come in daily and books are changed on an as needed basis.
- Please be prepared for all weathers by providing jackets, wellies and water bottles.
- Don't forget to use Knowledge Organisers to enhance home learning.

### Homework

- The most important homework your child can do is to read at least three times a week. This opens doors across all areas of learning.

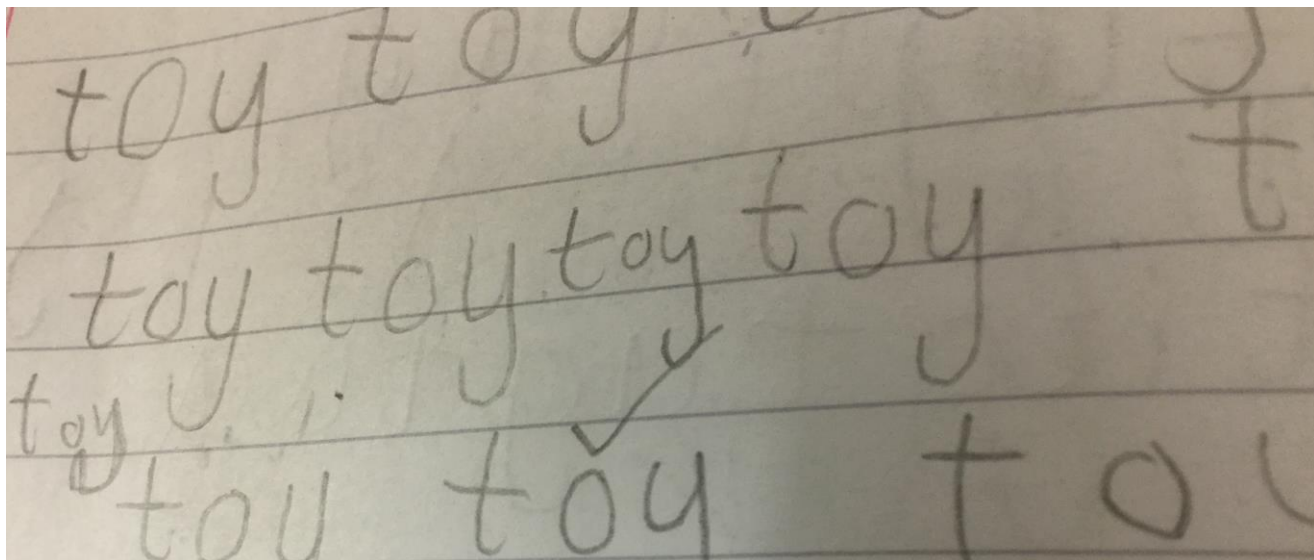
### Class dates

Term Dates: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Please do not book holiday during term time. Thank you.

- Sharing Afternoon – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2:45pm
- Christmas Café – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm
- Christmas lunch – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Christingle (children only) – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Y1/2 Christmas play – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am
- Y1/2 Christmas Play – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10.45am

Here are some examples of expected handwriting from children:

Autumn Year 1:



Autumn Year 2:

