

# Maple Class Newsletter

January 2020

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a fun filled, festive Christmas and are ready for a new term.

We have lots going on this half term such as Maths Café for Year 1 and Writing Café for Year 2 as well as sharing afternoon for all families. We will also begin our new 'Around the World with David Attenborough' reading challenge, so watch this space.

Miss Mattock and Mr Woolley

## Our school topic for this term is: Near and Far

### Near and Far in Maple Class

This half term we will be finding out about Charles Darwin and David Attenborough. We will think about what they did and look at similarities and differences between their lives. This will also link to our Science, as we will be mini Attenboroughs and Darwins by exploring the wildlife in our local area. We will also show our learning through art by creating a variety of pieces based on animals.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own moving picture diorama showing food chains. In Computing, we will be researching animals and creating pictographs of our favourite animals. In Music, we will explore a range of world music.

### Class Reminders

- Our library day is Thursday.
- PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please have PE kits in school all week.
- Reading records should come in daily.
- 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
- Reading three times a week is essential.
- Look Cover Write Check sheets come home every two weeks. Returned sheets earn house points for your child.
- Handwriting sheets will come home weekly. Returned sheets earn house points.

### Class dates

Term Dates: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Please do not book holiday during term time. Thank you.

- Maths Café (Year 1) – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9-10am
- Writing Café (Year 2) – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9-10am
- Sharing Afternoon – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2:45pm
- Parents Evenings:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
All 3.00 pm. – 4.10 pm
- Parent Forum – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.05am

This half term we are learning about how we can continue to improve ourselves by making New Year's Resolutions. As a whole school, we will be improving our table manners, thinking about how to have positive playtimes and showing respect by listening to each other.

This year I am going to learn how to improve my handwriting.

This year I am going to read at home as much as I can.

This year I am going to look for people I can help on the playground.