Maple 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2

> "Children have the right to an education that should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest."
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> Article 29—United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

English:

Linked to our inquiry question this half term, the children will be reading the story 'The adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton. They will carry out a range of writing linked to this, including letters, play scripts and their own myth.

Through this unit the children will be learning to use a semi colon to separate independent clauses, and revising their knowledge of how to punctuate parenthesis with brackets, dashes and commas.

Reading:

The children will be focusing on discussing and evaluating how authors use language, considering the impact of the language on the reader, as well as clarifying the meaning of words and asking questions for themselves.

We also ask that children read at home daily and record their reading in their reading record.

Can the past have an impact on the future?

History:

This term the children will be learning about the History of Ancient Greece. They will be using sources of information to learn who the Ancient Greeks were. They will learn to contextualise the sources of information to see how the context of the evidence affects its value. Next, they will learn to corroborate by considering different evidence and appreciating how human motivation and emotion affects the 'truth' of evidence. After that, they will go on to learn about democracy in Ancient Greece. The children will then learn to consider different evidence and appreciate how human motivation and emotion affects the 'truth' of evidence. They will then go on to learn about democracy in Ancient Greece and learn how this has had an impact on how our country is run today. Finally, they will research the beginning of the Olympic Games and compare it to what they are like now.

Spelling:

The children will be revising their knowledge of the suffixes: -ation, -ly, -ment, -ness, -ful, -less -ous and the endings -sure, -ture, and those that sound like -sion.

Science:

This term the children will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will also recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. They will explore relevant information using a wide range of secondary sources and will also sort and classify according to similarities and differences.

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Home Learning:

This half term the children will be set a project linked to their inquiry question which they will have a number of weeks to complete. Details will be sent home in their home learning books.

Throughout the term, children will also be given spelling, grammar and reading tasks to enhance and embed their learning, as well as Mathletics and rehearsal of their times tables, using Times Table Rockstars.

This home learning will be given out every **Friday** and is due back in school the following **Wednesday**. Please help your child to remember this.

Please encourage your child to see Mrs Hunt if they need to use the Kindles/computers to complete their home learning during break or lunch.

Dates for your diary:

WB 11th November –Anti-bullying week
12th November – School photographs
12th and 13th November – Parents' evenings
20th November – Maple 2 Maths Open Classroom 9:45am-10:45am
5th December – Maple base tag rugby tournament
12th December – Pantomime in school
19th December – Christmas Service at St Barnabas
20th December – Last day of term/Christmas parties

The following subjects will be taught discretely:

Maths – Fractions – This term in Maths the children will be learning to use common factors to simplify fractions, to compare and order fractions and finally to add and subtract, multiply and divide fractions. As always, we will be teaching these concepts through a range of fluency, reasoning and problem solving tasks.

RE – In RE this term, we will look at Christianity, with the theme: Christmas, where we will think about the 'Big Question': Is the Christmas story true?

French – During this half term, children will be continuing to learn French. They will extend their language to be able to discuss musical tastes and musical instruments.

Jigsaw – We will be following the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Celebrating Differences', focussing on anti-bullying and celebrating diversity.

P.E – Monday and Thursday – The children will continue to develop their skills with invasion games, which will include agility, spatial awareness, tactics, attacking and defending. They will also be learning gymnastic skills focussed around balances and moving with control and co-ordination.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL P.E KIT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN, AND IS IN SCHOOL MONDAY-FRIDAY IN CASE OF A CHANGE TO THE TIMETABLE.

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, but once they have healed they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons.