

Maple 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2



History

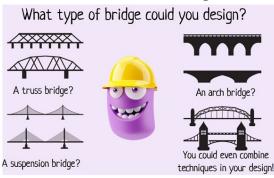
This half term, children will be learning about the Maya. They will learn:

- who the Maya were
- what they're known for
- what the Maya believed in
- why Mayan cities were found near good trade routes and farmland



D&T

In Design and Technology, the children will be learning to design, make and evaluate structures in the form of bridges.



Science

Our Science topic this half term is "forces'. The children will be learning about different forces and how they act on objects.



We will also be able to explain that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

"Children have the right to an education that should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest."

Article 29—United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Reading

This half-term, we will be focussing on working out the meanings of new words as we come across them within a context. We'll also be making prediction and summarising more than one paragraph.

All children will be expected to read at home daily and this will be tracked. Children will also be given opportunities throughout the week to read in school. They could read school books, books from home, subtitles, lyrics, recipes, instructions and anything else that they would like to read.

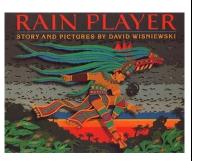
Maths

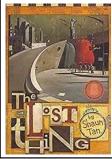
This half-term we will be focussing on addition and subtraction and children will learn to:

- add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods (columnar addition and subtraction)
- add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers
- use rounding to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, levels of accuracy
- solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

English

We will be using the book 'Rainplayer by David Wisniewski to write a balanced argument (debate) about the impact the Maya has had on modern civilisation.





We will also use the book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan to write our own fantasy narratives to entertain our peers.

PE

Every Monday afternoon, Maple 1 will be developing their football skills. This will include practising how to use different turns to keep the ball away from defenders, and developing defending skills to gain possession.

On Wednesday afternoons, pupils will be developing their basketball skills—specifically developing technique to improve accuracy when scoring.

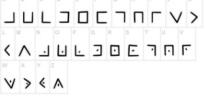
French

This half term we will be learning how to describe the weather in French. We will be working towards creating our own French TV weather reports!



Computing

We will be learning how to decode a message sent through Semaphore. We will also learn about Morse Code and will know possible strategies for encrypting and decrypting a code.



<u>Re</u>

In RE this term, we will look at incarnation. By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to explain the place of incarnation and the Messiah within the 'big story' of the Bible.

PSHCE

The children will be following the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Celebrating Differences, focussing on understanding what racism is.

Dates for your diary:

7th November—School photos
14th & 16th November – Parents' Evening
15th December – end of term

Home Learning

This half term, children will be set an extended project to complete in relation to their current learning.

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Each week, they should also be reading at home as much as possible, as well as learning times tables and spellings.

If your child struggles to use these at home, please let me know so that I can accommodate any individual needs.

Don't forget to sign up to Marvellous Me, to see updates of your children's achievements!

If you would like to come in and talk about any of our learning this term then please do not hesitate to come in and have a chat with me.

Miss Mansbridge