

Spring Two Maple 2

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Marvellous Me. I am really looking forward to sending you updates on your children's learning and achievements. Don't worry if you haven't signed up, there is still time!



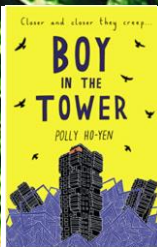
English

Boy in the Tower

English:

This half term, English will be delivered through the text 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. Through this unit, the children will learn and revise many of the key punctuation and grammar requirements including the use of colons, semicolons, hyphens and dashes. We will look at the difference between formal and informal language including writing a formal letter. They will also have the opportunity to apply them within short and longer writing outcomes linked to the text.

We are reading...



Reading

The children will be focusing on making inferences, justifying them with evidence from the text, as well as summarising what they have read and asking questions to help them understand it further. We will also practice our comprehension skills across a range of texts, linked to our foundation subjects, to build reading stamina.

Science

This unit will focus on 'Evolution and Inheritance.' The children will begin by understanding characteristics are passed on to an offspring and how this can lead to variation. We will also research how our understanding of evolution has developed, including learning about Charles Darwin.

We will then investigate how fossils have given us an insight into the past and how living things have adapted to their environment over millions of years.

Home Learning

This half term the children will be set a project linked to our current learning on Evolution in Science which they will have a number of weeks to complete.

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

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

Please see Mr Longland if you need to use the Kindles/computers to complete your home learning during break or lunch.

Maths

Measurement:

We will continue to recap and further develop our understanding of all 4 operations in different contexts including fractions, decimals and percentages; the children will learn how to calculate percentages.

Next, we will look at measurements including how to convert between different units with mass, volume, length and time. We will then look at shape including the different features of shape and calculating area, perimeter and angles.

Geography

Time Zones:

Our Geography topic this half term is based on understanding the world's time zones where we will cover the following objectives:

- understand why time zones exist due to physical factors.
- I understand why time zones and the International Date Line exist due to human factors.
- I understand and can demonstrate the importance of GMT.

D.T.

Structures:

This D.T unit is based on structures. Maple 2 will be exploring bird houses and how these are made. We will consider the materials that are used and how they can be joined together. After, the children will design their own bird house and learn how to create an exploded diagram which explains how the bird house can be constructed. The children will then use the appropriate materials and equipment to create their own bird house.

Diary Dates

Monday 4th March - Maple 2 Class Trip

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March - Parents' Evening

W/c 1st April - End of term

Spelling

Children will revise the Year 5/6 word list by understanding the meanings of the words and the spelling patterns they follow. They will also secure their accuracy in adding suffixes/prefixes and using common homophones correctly.

PE

Lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will be focusing on developing their knowledge of tennis. We will work on our fitness and know how we can appropriately prepare for specific sports and know the importance of staying active. They will learn different tennis strokes and how these can be combined into games. We will also work on our knowledge of rules, strategies and tactics for tennis.

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN COME IN TO SCHOOL IN THEIR P.E KITS ON A THURSDAY.

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.

PSHE & Music

PSHE:

In PSHE this half term, we will be following our Jigsaw scheme of work and our topic is 'Healthy Me'. The children will consider how they can be responsible for their own health, both physical and mental health. They will learn strategies to cope with stress and pressures and know what can be harmful for them.

Music:

This term, we will be developing our drumstick and rhythm skills. We will learn the layout of a drum kit and learn to play repeated drum "grooves" using crotchets and quavers.