

Maple 1 Autumn 1 Term

Welcome back; I hope that you had a summer break and that the children are ready for this term's learning. I am looking forward to being your child's class teacher this term.

Miss Hawkins

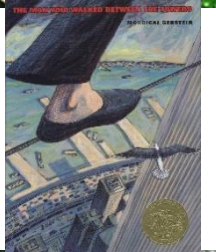
English

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We will also be reading the book 'The man who walked between the towers' by Mordical Merstein to write biographies about Phillipe Petit, who walked a tightrope between the twin towers! We will learn how to use relative clauses in our writing, as well as how to include parentheses (extra information).

After that, we will be doing a poetry unit. We will look closely at a poem called *I wandered lonely as a cloud* by William Wordsworth and we will use this as inspiration to write our own poems which portray emotions.

We are reading...



Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'lifecycles'. We will understand the main processes in the lives of: plants, mammals, amphibians birds and insects. We will also be able to explain the difference between sexual and asexual reproduction.

Maths

We will start Year 5 by looking at the value of each digit within 5- and 6-digit numbers. We will learn to order and compare larger numbers before moving onto rounding to the nearest 1000, 20000 and 100000. After that, we will learning a range of strategies to add and subtract.

Reading

This half-term, we will be focusing on asking questions and making predictions as we read. We will also be learning to find the meaning of words we read using a dictionary.

All children will be expected to read at **home daily**, please sign your child's reading record each day. 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.

PSHE

The children will be following the PSHE program of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Being me in my World'. This unit focusses on understanding their place in the class, school and global community. The children will take part in discussions about how their life might be similar or different to those around the world.



Geography

This half term, children will be learning about South America. They will learn to:

- Use maps to locate the countries within South America.
- Use maps, atlases and globes to study the environmental region
- Locate major cities.
- Compare human and physical characteristics of South America to those in the Falkland Islands.



Art & Music

In **Art and Design**, the children will be developing their drawing skills. More specifically, they will be learning how to use hatching and cross-hatching to support them with drawing self-portraits.

Music:

We will be developing our skills as musicians by using glockenspiels!

Home learning

Home Learning to begin this half term is to read at least three times per week and record in in reading records.

Weekly practice of times tables, remember to use Times tables rock stars.

Spellings will be sent home via a worksheet.

RE

In RE this term, we will look at sacrifice, in particular, Sikhism Beliefs and practices – and asking “how far will a Sikh go for their religion?”

Computing & Spanish

Computing: We will be learning how to create and edit videos! We will learn about the features of different video recording devices, as well as what makes good video content.

Spanish: This half term, we will be learning Spanish for the first time! As this language is new to most of us, we will be starting to learn the basic phonological knowledge needed to begin speaking, reading and writing in Spanish.

PE

We have PE lessons every Monday and Tuesday, so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days.

On Monday afternoons, Maple 1 will be lead by an external cricket coach; on Tuesdays, Miss Hawkins will be helping Maple to develop teamwork through a range of games and activities.