



Maple Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2022

I hope everyone has had a restful break and has had the opportunity to recover from the various illnesses which were doing the rounds at the end of last half term! Please find below some information which you will hopefully find useful during the second half of the autumn term, but please look out for letters and check the Maple Class page on the school website from time to time for more details about the curriculum and dates for your diary.

Maths

Our Maths objectives for this half term include: to use mental and formal written methods to multiply and divide; to read and interpret the information presented in tables and line graphs; to write improper fractions and mixed numbers; to find equivalent fractions; and also to compare and order fractions.

English

We will start the term by concluding our studies of the exciting adventure story called 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. The children seem to be really enjoying this book and I am impressed with how many details they can recall and confidently discuss. As we read to the end of the novel, we will: continue to develop our VIPERS comprehension skills; to write as different characters; and to compare the book with the film version of the story.

We will then move on to explore a narrative poem called The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes, which will involve considering the historical context of the poem in addition to exploring the themes of love, loyalty and betrayal. We will also examine how the poet manipulates his reader to feel sympathy for some characters and antipathy for those we usually look to for protection and to maintain law and order!

Spellings

I have again uploaded the weekly lists for this half term onto the Year 5 class page on the website for your information and to help you to support your child's learning at home.

Topic

We will soon complete our Ancient Egypt studies by exploring some of the many Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. We will then move on to our second topic which is What Was The Impact Of The Industrial Revolution On Children's Lives? We will be: examining some of the key changes during the Victorian era;

researching the differences between the lives of rich and poor Victorian children; exploring Victorian schooling; and researching some of jobs undertaken by poor Victorian children before comparing their day with that of a modern day child.

Science

Our next Science topic is Separating Mixtures and will include investigating which materials are soluble or insoluble and also how to separate mixtures using colanders, sieves, filtration and evaporation.

Homework

Just a reminder that our first set of Home Learning Challenges are due to be returned to school by Monday 28th November; I have put a copy of the HLCs on the webpage for reference. Some children have already handed in their books and I have been amazed by the standard of their work!

In addition to the HLC's, there is also an expectation that children in Year 5 read for 15 minutes each day together with learning their weekly spellings. Fluency in times tables is the cornerstone of maths success so any time spent practising times tables at home is time well spent. Congratulations to Seb, Jack, Hashim and Jacob for helping Maple to win the Times Tables Rock Stars competition during the last week; sterling work, boys!

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons with the Year 5 teaching team and on Thursday afternoons with the Edstart coaching team. Please ensure that the children have their PE kits, including a track suit as the weather gets colder and a bobble to tie back long hair, in school on these days.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 1st November: Start of the Autumn 2 half term.

Tuesday 15th November: Flu vaccinations.

Friday 18th November: Children In Need - further details to be sent.

Friday 25th November: Maple Class trip to Quarry Bank Mill to support our new Topic.

Monday 28th November: Deadline for the return of the first set of Home Learning Challenges.

Wednesday 7th December: Lion King trip - please see Mrs Howard's letter for more details.

Thursday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save The Children.

Monday 12th December: Mrs Geelan's school choir performance in support of Bury Hospice.

Tuesday 20th December: Christmas party day.

Wednesday 21st December: Last day in school before Christmas.

Monday 9th January: First day of Spring 1 term.

Please keep an eye on the class page on the website as I am sure further events will be added as time goes on!

Last Words

I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to ask the office to arrange to speak with myself or anyone from the Maple team should you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Newby

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