

Maple Class Update

Dear Parents and carers,

We are now well into the swing of the spring term. In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. Home learning can take on many forms; it doesn't just mean extra work at home! Talking to your child about our topics and making links to what you see and do when out and about can really help - it's probably what you are already doing. If you have any questions about home learning please get in touch with me.

What we will do in school...

PSHE and Life Skills. We are looking at starting conversations with others. Looking at asking questions to each other to build friendships and communication, as well as understanding about winning and losing.

English. We will be using different books mainly focused on transport looking at different types of vehicles and how they work.

We are working to develop hand writing, reading and motor skills. Another focus for our English work as well as speech support will be using adjectives.

Maths. We have been measuring so far this term and will move on to working on prepositions such as on top, under, next to, over etc. We will be working on the concepts 'thick' and 'thin'

Knowledge of the World and Creativity. We are exploring the theme of transport. We will be creating different forms of transport with a range of materials. We will look at electricity and push and pull forces in science.

ICT. We are using Education City and Purple Mash to help develop listening to instructions and selecting an answer.

Learning the different parts of the computer and their different functions.

What you could do together at home...

To ask questions that require a longer answer. Ask your child three things he/she has enjoyed about the day.

Play games with your child and let him/her know about winning and losing.

Share books with your child asking questions about the story. Encourage your child to look at the writing in newspapers and other forms of media. Try activities with different types of writing materials to encourage them to use their fingers.

Start measuring items at home to get them used to using the ruler or measuring tape and recognising the numbers. Ask which is longer and shorter.

Place items around the house on or under other objects or ask them to put an object under the table or on the book.

Spot different types of transport when you are out and about. Find pictures of cars and other transport in magazines. Talk about different objects that use electricity in the house or outside the house. Talk about why we need electricity.

Show different actions with pushing and pulling such as the door or certain toys.

Play educational online games with your child. Listen to instructions and complete a task. Show different parts of the computer and their functions or find links and games online that will explain.



PE - We have PE in the hall on a Tuesday.

Please send a PE kit in so we can help the pupils to develop their independence in dressing and undressing (any comfortable shorts, T-shirt and appropriate footwear). PE is developing well and ball skills are particularly favourite.

Swimming has finished for this term and will start again after Easter.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book daily to let you know about your child's day. However I will usually contact parents by telephone or talk to you at the end of the day if I feel there is something you need to know quickly. Please continue to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have.

I will continue to put in the weekly update in at the end of the week.

We are hoping to go on more walks next half term depending on the weather.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Siobhan and the Maple Class team