

Maple Group Update

Dear Parent,

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 their learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

Our topic this term is **Colour, Light & Sound**.

What we will do in school...

Science and Humanities

The first half term the children will be learning about lifecycles of butterflies, ladybirds and frogs. We will be looking at the lifecycles of humans; baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult. We will use photographs of the staff and children when they were younger to identify how people grow and change as they get older.

Literacy

We will be looking at stories about insects, to tie in with our science learning. We will read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Tadpole's Promise' and 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird'. The children will sequence events in the stories, write sentences about what happens in the stories and will write descriptions about the insects in the stories. The children will also keep diaries outlining how the caterpillars in the classroom grow and change before becoming butterflies.

Art

We will make a canvas to be sold in an art exhibition at Hertford Place. We will use a variety of media to create different textures. We will experiment with colours.

PSHE

We will learn about how to be a good friend to our peers.

Maths

We will learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, such as, how many sides and corners they have, whether the sides are straight or curved, how many faces and vertices they have. We will work on place value, for example knowing that in 18 there is 1 ten and 8 units. We will continue our learning of using a number line to add and subtract.

What you could do together at home...

Help your child spot different insects in their surroundings. Talk about lifecycles of animals. Together, look through photographs of your child and family members at different ages.

Share stories. Look at the pictures together. Ask them simple questions about what they have read such as 'how is this character feeling?' Encourage children to describe the insects they see, for example, colour, texture, number of legs, stripy/ spotty etc.

Sit and draw and/or colour pictures together. Do simple collage by tearing up old magazine pictures and sticking the coloured pieces onto paper.

Talk to your child about how to be a good friend. Encourage sharing.

Play turn taking games together, such as, dominos and pop up pirate.

Practise telling the time together and involve children in knowing what time they do things, such as, have lunch, go to bed etc. Practise counting and doubling objects or sharing objects into equal groups, for example, share 4 sweets with you and a sibling.



Swimming - every Monday

Maple Group will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Please send your child into school every Monday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



PE - every Tuesday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.



Hygiene Sessions

As the children are getting older we would like to introduce hygiene

sessions each day at school. These sessions will teach the importance of looking after ourselves and keeping our bodies clean and healthy. After lunch the children will have an opportunity to brush their teeth, brush their hair, and wash their faces with a flannel. If you would like your child to participate in these sessions please send in a small wash bag to keep in school containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, and flannel.

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

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