



Maple Class – Autumn 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Hello! I hope you are well, I am so excited to welcome you and your child to the Maple class. There is a fantastic year waiting ahead full of interesting and amazing learning.

Learning journey:

Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Traders, Raiders and Settlers' which explores the Anglo-Saxons and Scots from the end of the Roman Empire in Britain until the beginning of the Viking invasions.



Autumn term at a glance -

Science – We will be investigating how gravity causes unsupported objects fall to the ground as well as how other forces are around us such as water/air resistance and friction.

ICT – We will be building on our previous skills then begin to work on coding and online safety.

RE – We will be learning all about Christianity and how Christian beliefs affects the way people live their lives.

Art - In Art we will be creating Anglo Saxon crosses and our own illuminated letters.

Design Technology – We are learning all about how healthy diets were in the past compared to ours today. We will be investigating seasonal food.

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) Our Autumn term will focus on belonging and growing up in the community.

PE - The children will need to wear their PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday each week where they will be continuing to develop skills in 'Outdoor adventurous activities' and Sports Hall Athletics. On Wednesdays the year 5 children will be going swimming starting on Wednesday 15th September. They will need to bring in a bag their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and goggles (if they have them).

Earrings must be removed or taped up and long hair must be tied up for safety.

Medication - If your child requires any medication please speak to the office as soon as possible so that we can be well informed of your child's individual needs.

Reading - We would appreciate your help and support in encouraging your child to read at least 5 times a week, for around 20-30 minutes, at home as well as talking to them about their books. We would strongly encourage you to note this in their home reading diary. The children must bring their home reading diary and reading book to class every day.



Times Tables

By the end of Year 4 it is expected that children be able to recall multiplication facts up to 12x12. Purple Mash has some great, fun games that your child can use to practise at home.

Useful Information

Homework and spellings will be issued each Friday and will be due/tested the following Thursday. Homework is set online through Purple Mash, which the children are already very familiar with. However, if you require a paper copy please let me know.

We would appreciate if you could send your child with a water bottle every day. Children are also encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for morning playtime- a piece of fruit or vegetable is recommended.

Please check all of your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and please get in touch if you have any questions.

It is going to be a fantastic year!

Kind regards

Miss Tyler- Class Teacher

Mrs H Taylor - Teaching Assistant

Mrs T Clark- Teaching Assistant

