

MAPLE TREE CLASS SUMMER TERM CURRICULUM NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. It is lovely to see all the children back safe and well and are ready for a very busy term ahead.

This Summer term, Maple Class will be developing their skills through the topic 'Equality', as well as focusing on transitioning to high school. This work will have a strong humanities and PSHE focus but will also allow opportunities to explore other areas of the curriculum.

Routines

P.E/Games - P.E/Games will be taught weekly, every *Friday*. Please ensure your child comes into school with their **full P.E. kit on** and suitable footwear must be worn.

Stationery - No stationery will be needed from home, as school will provide all the equipment.

Water Bottles - Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle. Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day, washed and then returned the following day. Water only please!

Bags - Due to limited peg space, please could your child not bring a bag to school (unless a kit is required for an after-school club).

Weather - As ever our weather is unpredictable, please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for both warm, cold and wet conditions. Layers of clothing are ideal, so that children can adapt to changes in the temperature.

Homework - We have made some changes to the way we set homework this year (see the School Newsletter for details). The Maple Class Homework Grid (see below) details the activities pupils must and could do.

At a minimum, for pupils to make progress, they should be completing the 'Must Do' activities set out on the class Homework Grid. These activities have been pared down to ensure they are manageable for pupils and families whilst ensuring the maximum impact on progress.

For those pupils who want an extra challenge and want to push themselves to be their best, they can choose to complete a range of other activities from the Homework Grid. Pupils do not have to do these 'extra' activities. However, for each activity that is completed, pupils will be rewarded with a Gold Star and can stand in our Achievers Assembly if they would like to, where they will become Homework Heroes.

In addition to the above, on occasions when teachers feel pupils need a little extra practice of a particular skill that has been taught in class, ad-hoc targeted homework activities may be sent home with pupils to help them revise their learning.

The Homework Grid will go 'live' once we start this new topic.

If you have any concerns or queries during the term, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Hallett-Jones

MUST DO'S	EXTRA - HEALTH & WELLBEING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily practise of tables already learnt / learn those not already known daily. • Read/ share a book every day with an adult. • Weekly spelling practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a poster or mind map about respect. Include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What respect means, - How you can show respect - Why it is important in high school. • Talk to an adult about moving to high school. Share what you are excited about and anything you might feel worried about. • Write or draw ideas about how to look after your mental and physical health, such as sleep, exercise, talking to someone or relaxing. • Think about how people are different from one another and explain why being kind and treating everyone equally matters. • Discuss ways to stay safe in new situations, such as online, on the way to school or when meeting new people.
EXTRA - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	EXTRA - HUMANITIES
<p><i>(Adaptations, organisms & the human body)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose an animal or plant and explain one feature or adaptation that helps it survive (for example, sharp teeth, thick fur or strong roots). • Create a short fact file or labelled drawing about one body system (respiratory, cardiovascular, nervous or immune). • Find out how exercise or smoking affects the heart and lungs and explain what you have learned. • Research how drugs can affect the nervous system and why they can be harmful. • Find one interesting fact about how plants or animals reproduce. • Write a few sentences about how our bodies change as we grow and how this links to starting high school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research a country, community or group of people and describe what is similar and what is different to your own life. • Find an example of people working together to make things more fair or equal. • Write a short paragraph explaining why everyone deserves to be treated with respect. • Watch an age-appropriate news report (such as Newsround) and talk about how events might affect people's lives and feelings.
EXTRA - MATHS & NUMERACY	EXTRA - CREATIVE
<p><i>(Equality, PSHE & transition to high school)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a simple budget for items you might need for Year 7 (for example, stationery or PE kit). • Compare prices of everyday items and explain why some families may make different choices. • Make a chart or graph to show how people are the same and different (such as hobbies or favourite subjects). • Solve maths problems linked to organisation and responsibility, such as timetables or money. • Show how numbers can be used to explain fair sharing and equality. 	<p><i>(Equality, PSHE & transition to high school)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a “Moving to High School” poster showing your hopes, worries and ways to cope. • Create an artwork that represents change, growth or belonging. • Design a poster promoting kindness, inclusion or equality in school. • Create a Year 6 to Year 7 survival kit (drawn or real) with items and ideas to support you. • Write a short story, poem or role-play about someone starting a new school and adapting to change.

The above homework activities link to our term's topic and science work. If you complete any of the EXTRA activities, we would love to see your work in school. You could take a photo, make a video or bring your work into school to show the rest of the class. For each EXTRA activity you complete you will earn a 