

Maple Class Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

English

Our English for this half term will be based on two books called Koji's Island and Amazing Islands. The writing outcome for this half term is to write their own version of 'Koji's Island' in the first person from the point of view of the boy in the story. The children will be learning to build an increasing range of sentence structures, use adverbs to express time, place and cause and choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion. Our poetry for this term is Windrush Child. The writing outcome will be to write a free verse, personal narrative poem with freedom to change the structure and include feelings vocabulary. The children will be learning to use increasingly effective similes to create imagery and use language with increasing effect: choice of nouns, adjectives, adverbs and verbs, alliteration.

Science

In Science, our unit will continue to be Living Things and Their Habitats. The children will be exploring our local area and discuss how different features and having a positive and negative impact on our environment, discussing changes that could be made to our local area, researching endangered species and find out how humans are helping a chosen endangered species,

Religious Education

Our question in R.E this half term is 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'. The children will be thinking about the symbols of Easter, considering the important parts of Maundy Thursday, analysing a painting of 'Peter's denial', describing how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus in their everyday lives, to consider what is important to stand up for me and planning a memory box for something important in their lives.

History

Our history topic for this half term will continue to be Ancient Greece. This half term, the children will be understanding the connections and contracts between Athens and Sparta, discovering how artefacts can tell us about how the life of ancient Greeks, taking part in their own archaeology dig to discover ancient Greek artefacts, the Olympic games and how they compare to the modern Olympic games and planning their own Olympic games to compete in at the end of the term.

Maths

Fractions and Mass & Capacity are the units we will be focusing on in Maths this half term. The children will be learning how to compare and order both non unit fractions and mixed numbers, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and improper fractions to mixed numbers, measuring mass in grams and kilograms, measuring capacity and volume in millilitres and litres, finding equivalent capacities and volumes and adding and subtracting capacity and volume.

DT

In DT, our unit of work is Electrical systems: electric posters. We will be learning to understand the purpose of information design, research a set topic to develop a range of initial ideas, develop an initial idea into a final design and assemble a final product and incorporate a simple circuit.

P.E

P.E will be on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. On Tuesdays, our unit will be gymnastics 2 and on Fridays, our unit will be Orienteering. In gymnastics 2, the children will be focusing on, traveling, key rolls, partner balances, jumps, sequences, apparatus and a performance. In orienteering, the children will be focusing on teamwork, map skills, indoor mapping, picture orienteering and a single control event.

Computing

In computing, our unit is Internet Research and Communication. The children will be learning to search effectively using keywords, explore different ways to communicate online and how to communicate safely, look at reliable and unreliable websites and webpages and saving and sharing webpages.

French

In French, our unit is 'In a French classroom'. The children will be learning to respond to simple classroom instructions, name school objects and ask about answers about what they have and do not have, read and understand short sentences and prepare and present a short-spoken text.

Home support

Reading – The children will bring home a 'free read' book home from school. The children have all been given a reading record where any reading at home can be recorded.

Times tables – Please continue to practice times tables with your children at home. Weekly challenges are set on TTRS with certificates and dojos available! The Multiplication Tables Check for year 4 is in June. The link to practice for the MTC and other useful Maths resources can be found on the Maple class page on the website under the homework tab. The link is also here: <https://www.bictonschool.org.uk/category/maple-homework/>

A polite reminder that messages on Class Dojo are not monitored. If you have any questions about the remainder of the Spring term or need to speak to a class teacher, please see us at the classroom door at the end of the school day.

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