# Maple Class Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

## English

Our English this half term will be based around the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. We will be writing narrative texts and focusing on using varied and rich vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and grouping related ideas into paragraphs.

We will continue our guided reading sessions, practicing reading aloud with fluency and expression. During these sessions we will analyse the text, developing an understanding of vocabulary, and inferring, predicting and summarising events.

#### Music

Maple Class will be exploring sounds. This will be an excellent complement to our science topic and hopefully go towards supporting our Dance topic with music by the end of the term!

### History

We will be studying the Stone Age to Iron Age periods, children will learn about the food, religion, homes, technology and art and how each of these areas developed and changed over time.

#### Art

In Art, we will be looking at African Prints, this will be linked to our topic of Dance in P.E. By the end of this term children will have made their own prints which they can wear with their African dance.

#### R.E

In R.E we will be exploring the question 'What is it like to follow God?' making use of texts from the bible and present day.

#### Home support

- <u>Times Table Rockstars</u> times tables are a foundation block to supporting children's maths, please practise as often as possible.
- Spelling Shed online spelling platform. Spellings will be set online on Fridays and tested on the following Friday. Please access the games as often as possible.
- Reading please ensure your child is reading regularly at home. Boom reader can be accessed easily online and will be checked weekly. The expectation is 3 entries per week as a record of what your child is reading (this can be completed by the child).

#### Maths

In maths we will be learning about:

- Counting in 25s, 50s, 100s, 1000s.
- Comparing numbers up to 1000
- Ordering numbers up to 1000
- Adding two numbers
- Subtracting two numbers
- Estimating answers

It is essential that all children continue to work on learning all of their time tables. Please support your child in accessing TTRockstars and hearing them practise at home.

#### Science

In Science, Maple class will be studying Sound. They will be learning about how it travels, pitch and volume.

#### P.E

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure full PE kit is worn on these days. We will be having teaching of football and Dance.

#### French

In French we will be focusing on the topic 'All about me'. Children will develop their ability to talk about themselves and cover basic information including greetings, details about family and conversation tools.

## Computing

In Computing this term we will be exploring programming and getting used to using different programming software.

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy the brilliant weather we were lucky to have.

We are very excited to get to know our new class and eager to get into what I'm sure will be a brilliant year.

This term we have a new TA, Miss Richardson, who will be a superb asset to our class. I hope you find the information in this letter useful.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Robinson (Class teacher) Miss Richardson (Teaching assistant)