



30th January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well, we are all well and truly settled into the Spring term! It's lovely to see the children already immersed in their learning and enjoying our exciting topic - 'Expeditions and Excavations'. The topic will incorporate a variety of curriculum areas including:



Science – This term, we will be learning about forces including magnets.

Art – In art we are studying the life and works of Bridgit Riley who is famous for her op art. The children will be developing drawing skills to create their own op art masterpiece.

DT – As part of our Design and Technology curriculum, Maple Class will be learning about healthy eating and given the opportunity to make simple healthy dishes.

Geography – This term, Year 3 will be learning about Rio and South East Brazil looking at climate and the food that is grown there. We will also be looking at terrain and how this differs to the UK.

History – This term our topic in History is Ancient Egypt and a summary of achievements of other early civilizations.

PE – In PE this term, children will be taught tag rugby and badminton.

RE – In RE this term, Maple Class will be learning about Islam and the significance of Easter in the Christian calendar.

Music – This term, the children are learning how to use and play the glockenspiel. The children also have weekly singing with other classes.

French – This term, we will be learning the names of different fruits and how to say 'I like'. We will be consolidating days of the week, months and numbers to 30. We will also be learning how Mardi Gras is celebrated in France.

Computing – Year 3 will be learning how to code following activities on Purple Mash. Like every term, we start off with reminding children how to stay safe online.

Learning for Life – This term, Maple Class are learning how to stay safe and keeping healthy.

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure kit is named. This term, children have Forest School on Thursday afternoons; we will switch over groups after half term. If your child is in the Forest School group, they need to come to school in their uniform and bring their home clothes in a bag ready to change into at lunchtime.

A reminder that in Year 3, children are no longer provided a fruit/vegetable snack at playtime but they can bring in their own healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat. We do encourage children to bring in spare wellies or trainers that they can wear on the field.

Homework includes spellings and times tables to learn. As well as learning the times tables that they have been set, we encourage children to play times tables rockstars at home. Each child has been given log in details for this. Children are also expected to read regularly at home as this really helps their reading progress and helps to encourage enjoyment of reading. Please ensure you (or your child) writes in their reading record when they have read at home. Your child should also be practising any

spellings that are written in their purple homework books. These are all found in a red homework folder. Since the folder are quite fragile, we do recommend using a plastic one which tend to last much longer!

If you need to discuss any issues regarding your child, we are available all days after school except Tuesday and briefly in the morning (apart from Mondays).

Thank you for your support

Mrs P Apperley and Mrs J Moorcroft