

## YEAR 4

### Maple Class Autumn Term

#### General Information

Home Learning must be returned at the end of the half term, and weekly work is to be sent via Purple Mash email. Children must complete at least one task from the take your pick menu weekly, spending at least 30 minutes on each task. Reading must be completed **daily** and reading books and record book sent into school signed by a parent/carer. Reading books must be returned by Friday each week and record books will be checked to ensure children are reading daily at home. Spellings will be checked through weekly dictation activities. On occasion, additional home learning will be sent home to reinforce and consolidate class learning.

Children are able to take books from outside the classroom but these must be kept in school. Please also encourage children to read for pleasure at home to support their learning.

Children can bring in a healthy snack for playtime (fruit or vegetables- no junk food please) and water bottles need to be in school daily.

If you have any skills or knowledge about this term's areas of learning and would like to share this with the class, please do let me know.

Maple Class will be taught by Ms Donnelly, and PPA cover will be provided by Mr Contato on Friday afternoons.

TA support is from Mrs Edge (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Thomas (Thursday-Friday)

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please ask.

**English-** English learning will be based around several key texts. We will be exploring a variety of different writing styles, beginning with speaking and discussing texts to encourage a depth of vocabulary. Children will also be practising daily handwriting and spelling activities. The children will

**Science-** Children will be learning about the classification of plants and animals. They will be researching characteristics and using different methods to present the groupings. In the second half term, we will discover how to keep our teeth healthy and explore digestion.

**Physical Education-** Tuesdays and Thursdays. Indoor and outdoor P.E. kits will be needed in school throughout the week. No high tops please. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be taken out or covered with tape.

**French-** In French we will be learning the vocabulary to speak about hobbies and games. We will also learn how to say where we live, rooms and furniture in a house.

**Personal Development-** We will learn about keeping safe and how to ensure the school is a happy place. We will also learn about maintaining relationships with our peers.

**Maths-** We will further develop our understanding of working mathematically and explaining our reasoning. We will be practising the times tables throughout the week to improve fluency in calculations.

**Computing-** This term we will be exploring word processing software, including Word, Publisher and PowerPoint. We will also learn how to stay safe online. We will also use ICT across the curriculum to enhance our learning.

**Art and Design/ Design and Technology-** Children will be developing drawing techniques using pencil and charcoal. We will be creating Egyptian art and linking other subjects to the creative curriculum. In D+T we will make Egyptian Shadufs.

**Geography/History-** This half term we will be developing our skills of map work and using atlases. We will perform a local study and compare our environment with that of pen-pals in another town. In History, we will explore the Ancient Egyptians.

**Music-** We will explore the songs of Abba, in particular Mamma Mia, and making our own music with glockenspiels.

**RE-** We will begin by learning about Sikhism; its founding, festivals and beliefs.