

*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."*  
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year in Maple Class! I am very pleased to be back at school and working with your children this year. I hope you have all had a restful break enjoying the lovely weather and that the children are looking forward to coming back to school and starting a new year of learning.

This term our topic is 'In the countryside' and we will be exploring the topic by looking at how the countryside changes throughout the year and the effect that the seasons have on the countryside. We will be reading the Percy the Park Keeper collection to gather ideas about seasonal changes in plants and for animals. This links in with our Science topic of plants this term, where we will be learning about how plants grow and reproduce. We will also be learning about farming this term and will be designing our own farms, considering the impact the seasons will have on them. To enhance our countryside topic, we will be visiting the East Kent Ploughing Match this term to allow the children an opportunity to see farm equipment and practices in real life and be able to talk to farmers about their learning. We will be continuing our farming theme in forest school where we will be designing and growing an allotment as well as working on developing our outdoor classroom area.

In RE this term our big question is 'What is it like to follow God?'. We will be exploring by studying bible verses from the Old Testament and looking at examples of how followers of God today demonstrate their commitment to him.

In Maths this term we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction.

#### Practical Information:

**PE Days** - Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. This term, children should come to school in their **PE kit on a Wednesday**. They should wear PE shorts and their house PE shirt. Should the weather be cooler, they can wear plain joggers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE lessons.

**Forest School** – We have Forest School on **Tuesday afternoon**. All the class will be going outside during these sessions, Mr Chidwick and I will be with them and we will start our session with OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) before our Forest School activities.

**Reading** - Reading books are sent home every day and they need to be brought to school, with your child's Reading Record, signed, each day. Please do listen to your child read as much as you can, this really helps them to develop their reading skills.

**Spellings** – We will be sending out our spellings for the term on the first day back to help with practice at home. They have been broken down into weekly spelling lists and an informal spelling test will be carried out in class each Friday morning to consolidate the learning from that week.

We are really excited to have our new TA, Ms Atkinson starting with us this term and I am sure that she will be a fantastic addition to the class. We are all looking forward to a great year working with you and your children. If you need to contact us, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Miss Bones