

"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 back to a new and very busy term. We have another exciting term ahead of us in Maple Class and we hope the children will really enjoy the next six weeks.

Marvellous Maps

This term our topic is 'Marvellous Maps' and we will be exploring the world using a variety of different maps and learning about different cultures and traditions celebrated around the world. To help us with our learning, we will be reading a range of books including 'If You Lived Here', 'Welcome to our World', 'A ticket around the world', and 'This is how we do it'. These books will allow us to gain an insight into what it is like to live in different countries around the world, whilst also continuing to develop our reading comprehension skills. Whilst we are learning about each continent, we will be exploring the geographical features of the continent and be comparing these with the UK.

Art

In Art this term we will be learning about architecture and exploring a number of famous architectural landmarks around the world. We will then be designing and making our own dream houses. In order to do this, we will be asking that the children **bring in any clean, used cardboard boxes or plastic containers** that they would like to use to make their houses.

Maths

We will be continuing our multiplication and division unit in Maths this term and will be learning to recall our 2s, 5s, 10s and 3 times-tables. Year 3 will also be developing their 4s and 8 times-tables. We will finish the term by learning about length.

Science

We are learning all about rocks this term in Science. We will be learning about the different types of rocks, identifying and sorting different rocks based on their properties and learning how soil and fossils are made.

RE

In RE, our big question is 'What is the Trinity?'. We will be learning about what the Holy Trinity is, how the Holy Trinity is linked to incarnation and what the significance is of baptism for Christians.

Practical Information:

PE Days - Our PE day is **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. They can wear plain joggers and a sweatshirt to keep warm.

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.

It was really lovely to see so many of you last term, both at parents evening and at the Christmas events and we all look forward to another great term working with you and your children. If you need to contact us, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Miss Bones, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Kent



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