

"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 summer term in Maple Class! We have got lots of exciting things planned for the coming term and are looking forward to making the most of the improving (hopefully) weather to get out and about as much as possible.

This term our topic is the history of castles. We will be exploring why castles were built, the features of castles and how castles have changed and developed over time to accommodate the needs to the people living in and around them. This knowledge will feed into our writing of a non-chronological report and a story. To enhance our learning, we have booked a trip to Dover Castle on Tuesday 9th May which will give the children an opportunity to see the features of a castle in real life, learn more about the history of Dover Castle and participate in the Knights, Feasts and Garderobes workshop. If you would be interested in accompanying on the trip as a parent volunteer, please contact the school office. We would be very grateful and the children always enjoy being able to share their experience with you.

We are going to be reading lots of books about castles including *The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight*, *Peep Inside the Castle*, *In the Castle* and *The Queen's Token*. It would lovely for the children to bring in and share their favourite castle themed books with the class throughout the term during our dear time sessions.

In DT this term, we will be constructing our own castles using a number of different modelling techniques. In order to do this, we will be asking for donations of kitchen roll tubes and corrugated cardboard to create their master pieces.

In Maths, we will be learning about shape and time this term. We will also be continuing to practice our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and any further practice at home with these skills would be greatly appreciated as these skills support with fluency, speed and confidence in all areas of maths.

We are learning all about animals including humans in Science this term and will be learning about the importance of nutrition, food labelling, the roles of bones and muscles.

In RE, we will be exploring what Christians believe the Kingdom of God to be and how this has an impact on how they live their lives.

PE this term is striking and fielding games which I know the children will be fantastic at as they have already demonstrated their skills when they were in their cricket sessions with Molly. This term we will be expanding to playing rounders as well as cricket and be developing the skills that Molly taught us further.

Practical Information:

PE Days - Our PE day is **Friday**. This term, children should come to school in their **PE kit on a Friday**. 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.

It was really lovely to see so many of you at parents evening last term and it was great opportunity to be able to share the fantastic work that all of the children have been doing. They have all worked exceptionally hard so far this year and am I sure that they will continue to amaze us across the summer term. If you need to contact us, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Miss Bones, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Kent

