

*"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 final term of this year in Maple Class, I can't believe how fast this year has gone! We have got a really busy and exciting final term in store and are looking forward to getting out and about in the sunshine.

This term our topic is 'Looking after the world around us'. We have got a geography focus this term and we will be exploring the different climates around the world and discovering why weather patterns vary. We will be creating our own weather forecasts and learning about why weather forecasts are important and useful. Following on from this, we are going to be exploring how and why the climates around the world are changing through reading lots of different fiction and non-fiction books. This will lead us on to writing a persuasive letter, retelling a story, writing a poem and creating an information poster to present. Last term the children really enjoyed bringing in and sharing books related to our topic and it would be lovely to continue this this term with any books relating to the world or climate change.

In Art this term, we will be exploring expressionist art, comparing artwork from a range of well known artists. We will be examining the artwork from a distance and looking up close at the brushstroke techniques used to create the pieces. We will then be recreating some of the pieces and creating our own artwork.

In Maths, we our focus will be on time, position and direction and statistics. 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.

Our final topic in Science this year is 'Scientists and Inventors'. This is a topic that introduces the children to famous scientists and inventors who have made contributions towards the scientific topics that we have been learning about this year. This is a really nice way of the children applying the knowledge they have gained from their science lessons throughout the year and hopefully becoming inspired by some of the stories behind some of the most famous scientific discoveries.

In RE, we will be continuing our learning about Sikhism that the children began earlier in the year. The children really enjoyed discovering about what Sikhs believe in and this term will build upon this to explore how Sikhs worship and how they celebrate their beliefs.

PE this term is athletics and the children are already very excited about practising all of the events in preparation for sports day.



## 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**. Please can all children come into school in their normal school uniforms and will change into their forest school kits after lunch time. 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 looking forward to seeing some of you at our upcoming school events and look forward to the opportunities to celebrate how well all the children have done this year . 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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