
Maple Class Newsletter – Term 3

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We are excited to start a fresh term and welcome Mrs Kennett from Ash Cartwright and Kelsey Primary School, who is completing her term's contrasting placement with us. Mr Haynes is currently at Northdown Primary this term, but will return for Term 4.

The children have come back looking superb in their uniforms, however, can you please make sure their clothing has their name in as inevitably things do get lost. Uniform wise, the school policy is as follows:

- For PE, children should be wearing their house-colour t-shirt with either black or blue shorts or joggers (certainly for this winter term). They may wish to wear their school jumper when it gets cold or wear a plain-coloured (preferably black, grey or blue) jumper. Earrings must be removed for PE alongside any other jewellery unless Mr Reynolds is informed of exceptional reasons. PE will be every **Monday and Friday** and children should wear their PE kit to school.
- For Forest School, children should be wearing a long sleeve top and trousers/joggers. They will also need a waterproof coat and wellies as they go out in all weathers. Gloves (which are good when handling things outdoors), hats and scarves may also be worn. Forest School will be on **Tuesdays**. Children should wear their school uniform to school and bring their Forest School kit in a bag.

This term we are going to be exploring 'The Stone Age' and focussing on a book called 'UG'. There are plenty of children's websites you can browse at home in order to do some research on this topic, including <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Stone-Age/353814> <https://kidzfeed.com/stone-age-facts-for-kids/> and <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/stone-age> .

Some useful websites for spelling include https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/games-1045.htm and revision of phonics can be done on <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/4> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcqqtrf>.

We are revising phase 6 phonic sounds in class and we will be sending some spellings home for the children to learn each week. These will be tested every **Friday**. Alongside this, do not forget to revise the spellings given at the beginning of the year, which are the expected end of year group key words.

The pupils reading books will be changed as they are completed. Remember to look at the middle pages in your child's reading book for reading guidance, as this will help to develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills. It is expected that your child will bring their book in every day so they are ready for an adult to listen to them read at school.

Please continue to support your child with their counting forwards and backwards to 100 (Year 2) or 1000 (Year 3). Times table practice is key, and the children should aim to be fluent in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 2 and then 3, 4 and 8 in year 3. However, we encourage all of our pupils to progress and learn them all! The children still have access to 'Times Tables Rock Stars' at home in order to practise. Year 3 will also be starting to use 'Mirodo' to embed their learning. A separate letter regarding your child's user account for Mirodo will be sent home shortly.

Curriculum subjects we will be looking at this term include:

'Rocks' in Science.

'Gospel' in RE.

'Dreams and Goals' in PSHE.

'The Enormous Turnip' in French.

'Uni-hockey and Yoga' in PE.

'Researching' in Computing.

'The Stone Age' in Art and DT.

'Percussion' in Music.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to me on the playground at the end of the school day or contact me via the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Diamantis, Mrs Kennett and Mr Whelan.

