



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.

John 13



## Maple Class - Spring 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas; we would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the cards, gifts and good wishes that you so kindly gave at the end of last term! There will be a lot going on this term and this letter outlines some of the things that will be happening in Maple Class. Very excitingly this term we have Miss Atkin joining us from Chichester University. She is a third year teaching student who will be completing her final placement in Maple Class. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her.

This term, P.E will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. All children should have their full PE kit in school all week. For the first half term it would also be beneficial for the children to have tracksuit bottoms in school for the colder weather. Please ensure all items are named in case things get muddled up. All PE kits will be sent home at half term. Long hair should always be tied back. Small, plain stud earrings may be worn, but please ensure they are removed for PE days. Every child needs to have trainers and wellies in school for outside play please. Additionally, all children need to have a named water bottle in school. They can fill this up from the tap in Maple Class.

Over the whole of the spring term Maple's topic will be 'Don't let them disappear' where we will explore animals and weather in lots of fun ways. To find out more exciting details please read the Maple Curriculum grid attached.

As part of our topic, Maple class will be visiting Marwell Zoo this term on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. More details will follow.

### Reading

The children will continue to participate in a guided reading group ('Book Club') every week. Additionally, we have recently purchased some new reading books for school and the children will be bringing them home for the first time this week. A letter explaining more about this was sent out by email last week and is available on Google Classroom. KS1 teachers will be holding an information session on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm** to explain more about this, it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

### Library

Please continue to record any reading in your child's 'Home/School Diary'. Our library time will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday so please ensure that your child brings in their books to be changed.

### Targets

I will be reviewing last term's targets and setting their new targets this week. These targets are taken directly from the Year Two curriculum expectations and will continue to be reviewed every half term or sooner if this is appropriate. Please support your child with these targets at home; working on them **once a week** would be beneficial as it really helps to reinforce what they learn in school.

### Maths

We will continue our Maths Matters Challenges this term. Please ensure their Maths Matters books 'live' in the book bags and support your child in working towards these challenges **every week**. These quick mental maths skills are vital in supporting all other areas of maths. Please do not worry if your child has not started Maths Matters, I will introduce it to them when I feel they are ready.

### Google Classroom

If you have not already please make sure you have signed into the Maple Google Classroom. This is where I will share any important information and little snippets of life in Maple Class. To sign in please use your child's email and password from previous years and then you will find a link to join the Maple 2022 classroom. If you need any support in doing this please contact myself or the office.

### Show & Tell

'Show and Tell' will take place each **Friday** for every child. A separate timetable has been sent out and is also available on the Google Classroom. Please bring in one small item or photo to share with the class

### Forest School

Maple Class will be taking part in Forest School this half term, every **Tuesday** afternoon. Please can your child bring in a set of warm clothes and waterproofs to change into. A letter of what your child needs to bring in has been sent out separately.

We hope that you will enjoy working at home with your child: reading, working on targets and supporting Maths Matters. In addition to this I will set occasional homework to support our topic learning.

Please feel free to talk to me on the playground if you have any questions or queries: your support and comments are greatly appreciated. We are very much looking forward to the Spring Term as Marvellous Maples!

Very best wishes

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Pearmaine