



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

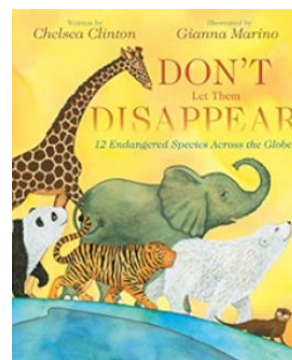


Maple Class - Spring 2024

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.

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. The key focus will be learning about endangered animals and what humans can do to help. 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 1st February**. More details will follow.



Important Information

For the first half term, P.E will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. All children should have their full P.E. kit in school all week. It would also be beneficial for the children to have tracksuit bottoms and perhaps a top too in school for when the weather gets colder. Please ensure all items are named in case things get muddled up. All P.E. 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. Children are welcome to leave their water bottle in school if they do not want to bring it home each day.

Google Classroom

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 which is stuck into the back of their Home School Diary. Please do not change the password as this is the password the children use at school to log in themselves. If you need any support in doing this, please contact the office or myself.



Show & Tell

'Show and Tell' will take place each **Thursday** for every child. A separate timetable has been sent out and is 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 starting after February Half Term, every **Tuesday** afternoon. Please can your child bring in a set of warm clothes and waterproofs to change into at school. A letter of what your child needs to bring in will be sent out separately, closer to the time.



Reading

Your child will have a 'Home/School Diary' in which you can find notes about their reading, comments and letters. The children will participate in a guided reading group ('Book Club') every week. Additionally, we will continue to send home our phonics reading books. The children will get two books, once a week on a Tuesday. Please ensure that you child reads their books three times before the following week as this reading scheme runs alongside our in class phonics teaching.

Additionally, the children earn a cube every time they read at home and when our class reading jar is full, the class will be rewarded with a lovely treat!

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 setting targets this week. These targets are taken directly from the Year Two curriculum expectations and will 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.

Homework



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.

Additionally, the classroom will be open after school on a Wednesday for you to come and look at your child's work.

We are very much looking forward to the Spring Term as Marvellous Maples!

Very best wishes,
Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Pearmaine