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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 - Summer 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are ready for another exciting term. This will be a busy term, and this letter outlines lots of the learning that will be happening in Maple Class.

This half term our topic will be 'The Owl in the Oak', part of a whole school topic exploring owls and trees. There will be lots of exciting learning opportunities such as: exploring the history of West Dean, recreating our own version of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' story and exploring plants by growing our own beans! In the second half of summer, our topic learning will be linked to the Paris Olympics. We will be learning about healthy eating, exploring how athletic clothing is made to support athletes and taking part in a whole school showcase!

Important information

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child has sun cream and a hat when appropriate. For the first half term, P.E will be **outside** on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. All children should have their full PE kit in school all week. 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.

Swimming will begin after the half term break (more information about this to follow).

Water Bottles

As the weather warms up please ensure all children have a named water bottle in school. They can fill this up from the tap in Maple Class and can leave it in school if they wish rather than taking it home each day.

SATs

The Year 2 Statutory Assessments which have taken place in previous years have become non-statutory. Although non-statutory, Maple Class will sit these reading and maths assessments towards the middle of May. I will ensure the children feel calm and relaxed, have the appropriate amount of time and have fun and exciting learning opportunities around the assessments. The assessments will be carried out in an age-appropriate way in the classroom, aligning with normal classroom practice. Please feel free to speak to me if you have any other questions.

Reading

The children will continue to participate in a guided reading group ('Book Club') every week. Additionally, we will continue to send home our phonics reading 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. If your child has moved onto the Big Cat Collins books, please make sure your child is reading these as often as possible.

Targets

I will be setting new targets next 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.

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 located in their home school diary.

Show & Tell

'Show and Tell' will take place each **Thursday** 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.

We are sure this term will be both an exciting and enjoyable one for all of us.

We hope that you will enjoy working at home with your child: reading, working on targets and supporting Maths Matters. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to talk to me on the playground if you have any questions or queries. We are very much looking forward to the Summer Term as Marvellous Maples!

Very best wishes

Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Pearmaine