



**Maple Class
Reception
Autumn Term 2019**

Understanding the World: In Science, we will be learning all about us and labelling parts of the body. Later in the term, we will explore the lifecycles of various animals and plants inspired by 'The Lost Words'. We will also find out more about night and day, and learn about nocturnal animals. Our History work will focus on us, as we learn about the concepts of past, present, and future, and look at how much we have changed since we were babies. In Geography, we will explore the school using maps and photos, and explore the local area by going on a walk around Chesterton village. Later in the term, we will learn about Qugqwala, our partner school, and compare the similarities and differences between the UK and South Africa. As part of our Computing work, we will learn how to turn the iPads and computers on and off safely, type our names and control the mouse.

Literacy: This term, we will focus on stories about school. We will discuss our favourite parts, the characters and the events. We will also learn about alliteration and identify words that start with the same sound, linking to our work in Phonics. After half term, we will be exploring animals stories and facts linked to 'The Lost Words', and learn to write lists, labels and captions. During the festive period, we will write a letter to Father Christmas and Christmas card messages. In Phonics, we will focus on letter recognition and sounds. We will practise the correct formation of letters.

Religious Education:

'Is the word "God" special?' This term, we will talk about special things. We will think about things that are special to us, share our ideas about God and learn why God is special to some people. After half term, we will learn who Jesus is, and why he is important to Christians. We will also learn about the Nativity in preparation for our Christmas play.

PSED: We will start the term by learning the classroom rules and routines, and how to stay safe in school. Then we will explore Growth Mindset, focussing on self-confidence and self-awareness, and developing strategies to help us become independent learners. After half term, we will think about friendships and kindness towards others.

Physical Development:

This term, we will learn to get changed for P.E. independently. We will explore different ways of moving and safely negotiating spaces through team games and group work. Later in the term, we will focus on our gymnastics skills, such as holding a balance for a short time, jumping and rolling.

Mathematics: In Maths, we will start by focusing on numbers and the number system. We will practise reciting and recognising numbers up to 10, and counting amounts of objects accurately. We will also work on the correct formation of numbers 0-10 and placing them in order. Later in the term, we will begin to learn about estimating and comparing amounts. We will also explore measuring length and height, and look at 2D shapes and repeating patterns.

Expressive Arts and

Design: This term, we will be painting self-portraits. We will then draw and paint parts of the village that we spot on our walk, and some of the plants and animals in 'The Lost Words' book. We will also be making a variety of food linked to our Harvest celebrations and Autumn recipes. During Outdoor Learning, we will create pictures using natural objects. We will also be creating lots of Christmas-themed crafts.

