



Maple Class Reception

Autumn Term 2020

Understanding the World: Our work will focus on us, as we learn about the concepts of past, present, and future, looking at how much we have changed since we were babies, and sharing what we know about our families and friends. We will also learn about different parts of the body and our senses. We will have opportunities to learn about the local area using maps and photos. We will talk about villages, towns and cities and hopefully go on a short walk around Chesterton. Later in the term, we will learn about Qugqwala, our partner school, and compare the similarities and differences between the UK and South Africa. We will also learn about light and dark through the use of stories and Science investigations. Finally, we will develop our Computing skills, by learning how to use the computers, iPads and the Interactive Board safely in the classroom.

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 stories and facts linked to our 'celebrations' topics 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.

We Are Maple Class!



Mathematics: In Maths, we will start by focusing on numbers. 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 focus on measures, learning about times of the day, followed by weight. We will also explore 2D and 3D shapes and learning about repeating patterns.

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 about different celebrations including birthdays, Diwali, and Hanukah. We will also learn about the Nativity story and how Christmas is celebrated.

PSED: We will start the term by learning the classroom rules and routines, and how to stay safe in school. We will also 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 our likes and dislikes, friendships and kindness towards others.

Physical Development:

This term, we will learn to change for P.E. independently. We will explore different ways of moving and safely negotiating spaces through games. Later in the term, we will focus on our gymnastics skills, including balancing, jumping and rolling. Our fine motor will focus on developing a pincer grip and holding a pencil correctly.

Expressive Arts and

Design: This term, we will be painting self-portraits and pictures of our families and homes. We will also be creating some art inspired by our Harvest celebrations. During Outdoor Learning, we will explore the use of natural materials to create with and make kites to use when we learn about windy weather. During the second half of the term we will be creating lots of Christmas-themed crafts