



Maple Class Reception Summer Term 2021

PSED: This term, we will revisit the 'Independent Learning Powers' and how we can be great learners. We will focus on friendships, taking turns and working together. We will also discuss the importance of listening to the ideas of others, and ways that we can encourage others. After half-term, we will focus on self-confidence and self-awareness. When and how to ask for help, and celebrating our achievements. We will also think about transitions and learn more about becoming Year One pupils in preparation for September.

Physical Development: This term, we will be learning how to skip in time to music and dance with a partner as we learn routines for the 'Pat-a-cake Polka' and a May Day dance. After half-term, we will focus on athletics skills, including running, jumping and throwing, in preparation for Sports Day. Our fine motor sessions will focus on cutting with scissors and the use of malleable materials such as clay. As part of our health and self-care learning, we will discuss parts of the body and healthy food.

Religious Education:

Our focus this term is, 'What do people believe about the beginning of the world?' To explore this question, we will read the story of creation, and discuss how and why we should care for the planet, plants and animals.

Understanding the World: We will start the term with an exciting Science Week investigation using biscuits to understand materials and their properties. During the rest of the term, we will focus on animals. Learning about creatures from all over the world, but particularly focussing on desert, polar and jungle habitats. We will learn how to categorise animals, what they eat and how they grow. We will then learn about taking care of the planet and ways to be more eco-friendly in our everyday lives. As part of our Computing work, we will learn how to type on a keyboard, and control a cursor on the screen. We will learn how to select programs for different purposes and later in the term, we will have the opportunity to explore simple programming, through the use of Beebots.

A WORLD OF ANIMALS



Mathematics: In Maths, we will start the term by focussing on odd and even numbers, before moving on to sharing and halving with numbers up to 20. After this, our focus will be on calculations, specifically, counting on and counting back to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. We will also work on securing our knowledge of number bonds to make 10. After half-term, we will learn about doubling numbers, properties of 2D/3D shapes and telling the time to o'clock and half past. We will also do some brief work on data collecting and sorting using tally charts.

Literacy: During this term, we will revisit sentence writing and practise using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. We will learn about non-fiction books and then use what we have learnt to write our own information books about animals from around the world. We will write descriptions about different places around the world and the animals that are found there. We will also read lots of animal stories to gather inspiration. After half-term, we will use this inspiration to adapt an animal story to include our own ideas. We will enjoy poetry based on a theme, and end the year by writing a book of memories from our time in Maple Class. In Phonics, we will continue to learn Phase 3 and 4 sounds and Tricky Words.

Expressive Arts and Design: Our work this term includes a whole class collage project, mixing colours and understanding how colours can be made lighter and darker, and creating an animal mask. After half-term, we will be making healthy snacks, modelling with clay and drawing a self-portrait to see how our skills have developed since we September. In Music, we will introduce instruments to our sessions and learn to perform pieces in small groups.