



**Maple Class
Reception
Autumn Term 2021**

Understanding the World: Our work will focus on us, as we learn about each other and ourselves. We will explore 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 animals that we might find in local habitats, and focus on nocturnal animals as we learn about light and dark. We will also learn about natural and man-made materials as part of our Outdoor Learning sessions, and use natural materials that we find to create art and Christmas decorations.

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 poetry linked to our 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 Phase 2 letter recognition and sounds. We will also 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 celebrations.

PSED: We will start the term by learning the classroom rules and routines, and how to stay safe in school. We will also explore the concept of Growth Mindset and self-regulation, focussing on identifying our emotions, building confidence and developing strategies to help us become independent learners. After half-term, we will explore friendship 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 work will focus on developing a pincer grip and holding a pencil correctly.

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 and learn about weight. We will explore 2D and 3D shapes and learn about repeating patterns. We will also discuss different times of the day, and learn to order the days of the week.

Expressive Arts and

Design: This term, we will be painting self-portraits and pictures of our families and the local environment. We will also be creating some art for our Harvest celebrations. During the second half of the term we will be creating lots of Christmas-themed crafts. In our Music sessions, we will learn to express ourselves to different types of music, perform songs as a group, and explore rhythm in familiar songs.

What Makes Me Special?

