



**Maple Class  
Reception  
Spring Term 2021**

**Understanding the World:** This term, we will be comparing the past and present, and learning about significant events and people linked to space. We will also learn about other countries and cultures, focussing on China and Chinese New Year. We will begin to develop our Computing skills, such as typing on a keyboard and turning tech on and off correctly. After half-term, we will learn more about life in the past and compare it to how we live now. We will also learn about people who help us and the many different jobs that they do. During our Outdoor Learning sessions, we will learn about winter weather and conduct an investigation about freezing and melting ice. We will also learn about birds that live in the UK, before taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. After half-term, we will look for signs of spring, and learn about planting fruits, vegetables and flowers.

**Literacy:** This term, we will focus on stories and information books linked to Space. We will practise writing words and short sentences about the events and facts in these books. We will also learn about the story of Chinese New Year and, towards the end of term, we will move on to learning about rhyming words and how they can be used in poetry. After half-term, our focus will be on fairy tales and learning familiar story phrases. We will then attempt to write an alternative ending to a well-known story. In Phonics, we will continue working on Phase 3 sounds and 'Tricky Words'.

**Religious Education:**

This term, we will be thinking about the question, 'What should we celebrate together?'. We will share our experiences of celebrations, and learn about different religious festivals. After half-term, we will focus on the story of Easter. We will learn about the cross and other symbols that remind us of Jesus around Easter time.

**PSED:** We will focus more on developing a Growth Mindset to help us build confidence when approaching challenges, and develop our perseverance. We will also focus on ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy, thinking about online safety and sensible amounts of screen-time, as well as learning about oral hygiene to keep our teeth and gums healthy.

**Physical Development:**

This term, we will be moving our bodies to music. We will learn a dragon dance routine, inspired by Chinese New Year. After half-term, we will work on ball skills; learning to roll, bounce, throw and catch with increasing control. Our Fine Motor Skills sessions will continue to focus on letter formation and cutting with scissors.

**Mathematics:** In Maths, we will continue to work on numbers. We will focus on recognising and ordering with numbers up to 20, and learning to identify amounts that are 'greater than' and 'less than'. We will also explore 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. After half-term, we start to learn about different coin denominations and counting amounts of money. We will also explore the measuring of height and weight, and start learning to count in twos, fives and tens.

# 'Let's Celebrate!'

(Term 3)



and



# 'Tell Me a Story'

(Term 4)

**Expressive Arts and**

**Design:** This term, we will be creating some space-inspired artwork, as well as exploring the use of joining materials such as glue, tape and split pins. After half-term, our artwork will be linked to the stories we are learning about and Easter crafts. In our Music sessions, we will learn songs from around the world, as well as songs inspired by space, animals and the weather. We will also develop an understanding of tempo.