



Maple Class Reception Autumn Term 1 2024

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.

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. In Phonics, we will focus on Phase 2 letter recognition and sounds. We will also practise the correct formation of letters. We will be learning what letters are in our name, the order of these and how to write them with increased independence. We will be enjoying stories such as 'Martha Maps It Out' and 'That's My Leaf'.

Religious Education:

We will explore the big question- 'Who am I and where do I belong?' We will think about the things that make us similar and different to our peers. We will explore the different groups we are part of, for example, Maple Class, sports groups and Music groups. We will discuss places that are special to us and link this to places that are special to different faiths.

PSED: We will start by learning the classroom rules and routines, and how to stay safe in school. We will explore feelings and self-regulation. We will also learn about the PANTS rules, and knowing the boundaries of our own and other peoples' bodies. We will be using the story 'Daisy's Dragon's' to help us identify different emotions and how they affect us.

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 subitising numbers to 3 (speedy recognition of the number). We will also focus on our careful counting skills. We will also be comparing numbers using the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than'. Later in the term, we will learn about patterns, shapes, and positional language. 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 paint self-portraits and pictures of our families. We will also use loose parts to create our own transient Art masterpieces! We will create pieces for our Harvest celebrations through printing. 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.

Marvellous Me!

