



Maple Class Reception Spring Term 2026

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 continue our work on maps and learn about the location of other countries using a globe. We will learn how to digitally record our work using devices such as iPads, understand how to use technology safely, and know what to do if something goes wrong. After half-term, we will learn about life in the past and compare it to how we live now. We will also learn about forces and different materials, before conducting an investigation during Science Week. In our Outdoor Learning sessions, we will learn about winter weather and explore freezing and melting ice. We will also learn about UK birds and take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. We will also be learning all about the exciting celebration of 'Chinese New Year'. Children will learn all about the festival and the ways in which it is celebrated.

Literacy: This term, we will start by using winter as inspiration for our writing. Then, 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. Throughout all of our writing opportunities we will continue to embed our phonic skills and practise letter formation. After half-term, our focus will be on fairy tales and learning familiar story phrases. In Phonics, we will continue working on Phase 3 digraph sounds and 'Tricky Words'.

Religious Education:

This term, we will be exploring the question 'Who are Christians and what do they believe?'. We will be learning about what Christians believe Jesus was like, using Bible stories to help us. We will be listening to some parables and miracles from the Bible. We will be learning about the key teachings of Jesus and how Christians live out those teachings today.

PSED: We will learn to develop a Growth Mindset to help us approach challenges with confidence and resilience. We will focus on keeping safe and how we can be safe inside and outside. During safer internet week, we will also learn about online safety and sensible amounts of screen-time. We will also explore the value of responsibility and how we can care for people and the world around us.

Physical

Development: This term, we will focus on dance inspired by fairy tales and nursery rhymes. 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 developing the foundations of a handwriting style that is accurate.

Expressive Arts and

Design: This term, we will be creating artwork inspired by Space, as well as exploring the use of joining materials such as glue and tape to make rockets and flying saucers. After half-term, our artwork will be linked to fairy tales and Easter crafts. In our Music sessions, we will be learning a range of familiar songs and performing them to our friends. We will also develop an understanding of pitch and tempo.

'Out Of This World'

(Term 3)

and

'Tell Me a Story'

(Term 4)

