



Maple Class Newsletter – Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3

We hope you have had a fun and relaxing Christmas holiday and a great New Year. We are thrilled to be in our new building and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities in Term 3.



Maths

We will start the term by looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes then look at how we can sort them based on these properties. We will then move on to our money topic. We will begin by recognising different coins and notes before beginning to make amounts and calculating with money.



Our KIRF for this term will be 'I can find doubles and halves of numbers up to 20.'

English



Our text for this term will be 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. We will be exploring the characters of the book and writing in different character's perspectives. We will also write an information text about foxes. Our grammar skills will be using commas in a list, demarcating sentences with question and exclamation marks and using the progressive tense.

Connected Curriculum

Our curriculum question for this term will be '**How do animals and humans survive in hot and cold places?**' Throughout the topic, as geographers, we will study hot and cold places and think about what it is like in those areas, as well as what animals live there. As scientists, we will look at how animals adapt in different climates, as well as classifying animals. In DT, we will be making a moving card with levers and making healthy sandwiches.



Home Learning

We ask that you support your child to read at home at least 3 times per week. Please record what they have read in their reading diary and sign and date it. Please ensure that they bring their book and diary to school every day.

Spelling homework will be sent home on **Mondays** on Seesaw and we ask that this is returned on **Thursdays**. This can either be done using the pencil or text function on Seesaw, or can be printed at home and you can upload a photo of the completed work to Seesaw.

Your child will also have a Times Table Rockstars login and we would like all children to practise their mental maths facts on this at least 3 times per week as well.

PE

PE will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on these days. This includes a **plain** house-coloured t-shirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts and trainers. The normal Elm Park sweatshirt or PE hoodie must be worn.

Water bottles and snacks

Please ensure that your child brings a **full** water bottle to school with them every day.

Your child may also bring fruit or a healthy snack for morning playtime (no crisps, chocolate bars etc. please).



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office to arrange a phone call from me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bell