



Maple Class Newsletter – Term 5

Welcome back to Term 5

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break. As the days are beginning to become longer and warmer, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this term. As always, Terms 5 and 6 will have a focus on the Arts.



Maths

We will begin by learning about fractions. We will recognise and find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ using shapes and objects. We will then focus on time. We will learn how to tell the time using o'clock, half past and quarter to/past before moving on to telling the time to 5 minutes.

Our KIRF for this term will be 'I know my 2 times tables.'



English

Our text for this term will be 'The dragon machine' by Helen Ward. It is a great story about a boy who creates a dragon machine! We will be learning to use exclamation marks to help us form different types of sentences. We will also look at subordinating conjunctions and using apostrophes for possession. As writers, we will be writing the story in the dragon's perspective and writing instructions about how to look after a dragon.



Connected Curriculum



Our curriculum question for this term will be 'How can we tell stories using music and art?' We are going to become musicians and artists to represent and tell stories. We will begin by being musicians and using music to retell a classic fairy tale 'The Three little pigs'. We will learn

how to use our voices and instruments to create sounds and keep the pulse. At the end of the unit, we will compose our own music to retell part of the story. In art, we will be learning how to create textile collages, inspired by Janet Bolton. We will learn how to attach different materials together using gluing, sewing, stapling and weaving. We will then design and make our own textile collage to tell a story.



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