



## *Maple Class Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2015*

### **Maple Class**

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting year. All the children in Maple Class have come back confident and keen to work hard. Long may this continue!

**Topic: Fire and Ice.**

#### **Literacy: The children will be:-**

- Reading, retelling and listening to stories and poems about personal experiences and those with familiar settings.
- Using non-fiction texts including instructions and recipes. Using the contents and index pages.
- Consolidating their knowledge of letter sounds and learning letter patterns to help with spelling and reading.
- Encouraged to work independently for some sessions.
- Reading words from the year one/two sight vocabulary list.
- Writing sentences independently with a capital letter and a full stop and learning to form their letters correctly, joining where appropriate.
- Listening to and writing poetry related to our topic.

#### **Numeracy: The children will be:-**

- Counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens, and recognising odd and even numbers.
- Recognising and ordering numbers.
- Time- ordering daily events and telling the time on the hour and half-hour.
- Finding 1 or 10, more or less than another number.
- Using simple addition and subtraction to solve problems.
- Partitioning numbers into tens and units.
- Naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes and recognising 2D shapes with line symmetry.
- Comparing lengths using non standard and standard units of measure.
- Using tables and lists to sort and classify information.
- Reading the temperature each day and relating this to the weather.

#### **Science**

We will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will explain the differences between things that are living and things that have never been alive. We will look at contrasting habitats locally and globally. The children will also be thinking about materials and how they can be altered by heating and cooling and will consider which of these changes are reversible.

#### **ICT**

The focus will be on 'multimedia'. The children will create pictures, documents and presentations linked to our topic areas. For example, recording their own weather forecasts, creating harvest pictures and fire safety posters.

#### **Music**

The children will be singing, listening and exploring pitch. They will be using instruments to create a range of sounds and to create simple melodic patterns.

#### **Art**

The children will be thinking about materials, patterns and colour. They will be weaving with a variety of materials, including paper and fabric. In 'Woodland Wonder', the children will be exploring the colours of Autumn and using natural materials to make weavings.

#### **Geography**

The children will identify and locate hot and cold areas of the World using the theme of meerkats and penguins. They will compare the weather in these areas with the weather in Welland.

#### **History**

The children will be thinking about events that have taken place in the past and how they are celebrated today such as Harvest and the Gunpowder Plot. They will also be learning about the Great Fire of London.

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## **RE**

The children will be thinking about belonging to a family, a school, clubs and a community. They will be learning about festivals and celebrations from various faiths such as Sukkot, Divali and Hannukah and will make a contribution to the Harvest service.

## **Design Technology**

The children will make a moving picture to represent a hot or cold environment focusing on using levers and sliders.

## **PE**

For this term, PE will be on a Wednesday and a Friday. The children will be doing games, gymnastics and dance.

In games, they will be looking at the correct use of different equipment and how to incorporate the equipment into games. In gymnastics, they will be learning how to travel confidently on different parts of the body and how to hold balance positions still. They will be working on the floor and on apparatus. In dance we will be exploring the theme of fire and ice.

## **PSHE**

New Beginnings - this theme offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning environment for all.

Getting On & Falling Out - The emphasis here is on the value of diversity, cooperation and what to do when things go wrong. The children will also be thinking about what 'learning' really means and about what helps and hinders learning.

We will also be thinking about fire and firework safety when appropriate.

## **French**

The children will be learning simple greetings, classroom instructions, counting and words from our topic.

## **Maple class's week:**

To help you ensure your child has the correct clothing / PE kit here is a list of our usual week.

**Tues** - Woodland Wonder (1<sup>st</sup> half term)

**Weds** - PE

**Fri** - PE

## **How to help your child this term:**

- When cooking talk about how the food is changing and whether it can be changed back again.
- Encourage your child to learn their left and right.
- Discuss important events such as birthdays, bonfire night, Harvest and Christmas.
- Help your child improve their 'mouse' skills when working on a computer.
- Hear your child read and record it in their reading record.

Thank you for your help with all of the above. We appreciate your time in helping your child gain the most possible from their experiences at school.