



Hazel, Maple and Oak Class Information Letters – January 2018

Dear Parents – Welcome back and may we wish you all a happy new year! On behalf of the teachers and assistants, we would like to thank you again for your generous Christmas gifts. The purpose of this letter is to provide a broad overview of the work that your child will be undertaking in each area of the curriculum during this term. It is hoped that this information will enable you to prepare, support and reinforce your discussions with your child about their schoolwork. Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please refer to the attached letter for R.E. topics.

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myths and Legends Fairy tales and play scripts <p>Non-Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-chronological reports Persuasive writing <p>Spelling and Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly taught in school with vocabulary books sent home to revisit misspelt words Weekly Grammar lessons 	<p>Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Fractions Ongoing tables and related division facts <p>Shape and Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurement (length, mass and capacity) 2D and 3D shapes Time <p>Data Handling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting, classifying and interpreting data
<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>This term we are introducing the new Rising Stars Science scheme. Pupils will study the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mirror, mirror How light is reflected How shadows are formed Shadows through the course of a day What's that sound? How sound travels How sounds are created and heard when something vibrates How sound can be altered 	<p>Children will be encouraged to develop their mastery skills through the use of manipulatives and other resources.</p> <p><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>Swimming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This term Hazel class will be swimming on Monday mornings (Please ensure all girls have a swimming hat and remove their earrings) <p>Children <u>may</u> wear their tracksuit and trainers to school on the day they swim.</p>
<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>Music lessons will follow the Music Express scheme of work which uses a topic based approach. The main focus areas still include vocal skills and instrumental work. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building which focusses upon musical structure and building layers including ostinato patterns Around the world which focusses on pentatonic melodies and syncopated rhythms <p>The three classes will also prepare for an Easter Show.</p>	<p>Indoor and Outdoor P.E.</p> <p>Pupils will be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination play competitive games, modified where appropriate and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through gymnastics] perform dances using a range of movement patterns compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement

Computing

This term we are following the Rising Stars scheme. The children will study the following topics:

We are co-authors:

Examine and create simple Wiki pages

We are Video Presenters:

Investigate a range of filming techniques
Plan, edit and create own films

In all topics we shall promote E-safety.

History

The historical focus this term is: **How much did the ancient Egyptians achieve?**

This topic covers themes including life and death, family roles, pyramids, pharaohs and religion

Art

This term's topic is called: **Can we change places?**

Children will consider what makes places different and how art can be used to improve an environment.

They will also design a sculpture.

Geography

The geographical focus this term is: **Can you come on a great American road trip?**

During this topic, the children will develop their understanding of the countries, states, capitals and cultures of North and South America. They will develop their map reading skills and use an eight point compass to compare locations.

Design and Technology

This term/s topic is called: **Photograph Frames**

The children will explore free-standing structures and design and make their own photograph frame.

French

Weekly French lessons are taught by Mrs Mishan. This term the main topics include clothes and colours.

Please provide a water bottle for your child and ensure that it is refilled every day. Please ensure that all school uniform, including indoor and outdoor PE kit, is clearly labelled with your child's name. If you wish to speak with us, we will be available most days after school but it is advisable to arrange an appointment with us. If you need to speak to us urgently in the morning we will be available for a quick chat. There is also a clipboard for urgent messages available for parents to write on.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bull

Mr Dove

Miss Roper & Miss Cassidy-Jones