



Hazel, Maple and Oak Class Information Letters – January 2020

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 contact us. Please refer to the attached letter for the R.E. topics.

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>Fiction -Traditional tales</p> <p>Non-Fiction -Non-chronological reports -Persuasive writing</p> <p>Spelling and Grammar -Weekly access to Spelling Shed resources -Weekly Grammar lessons</p>	<p>Number -Place value -Addition and subtraction -Multiplication and division -Fractions -Ongoing tables and related division facts</p> <p>Shape and Measures -Measurement (length, mass and capacity) -2D and 3D shapes -Time</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>This term we are using the Rising Stars Science scheme. Pupils will study the following topics: Mirror, mirror -How light is reflected -How shadows are formed -Shadows through the course of a day</p> <p>What's that sound? -How sound travels -How sounds are created and heard when something vibrates -How sound can be altered</p>	<p>Data Handling -Collecting, classifying and interpreting data</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to develop their mastery skills through the use of manipulatives and other resources. A letter will follow regarding the new Year 4 Times Table Test.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><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: Building (Beat) -To explore and build texture in song structures -To use 'rondo' structure to build layers in instrumental work</p> <p>Around the world (Pitch) -To explore pentatonic melodies and syncopated rhythms</p> <p>The three classes will also prepare for an Easter Show.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>Swimming -This term Oak class will be swimming on Monday mornings (Please ensure all children with long hair have a swimming hat. Also, earrings must be removed prior to the lessons)</p> <p>-Children <u>may</u> wear their tracksuit and trainers to school on the day they swim</p> <p>Indoor P.E (due to school building work).</p> <p>Pupils will be taught to: -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 -Alongside regular PE lessons, children will also take part in physical activities in class and in the school hall</p>

Computing

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

We are Co-authors

- Create simple Wiki pages

We are Presenters

-Plan, write and film presentations using iPads

At the beginning of every lesson a scenario is discussed to promote the ongoing importance of 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?**

-To investigate the structure and design of sculptures
-To explore how art has a positive impact on the environment

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**

In this topic, children will design, plan and make a photograph frame.

They will also analyse existing photograph frames to gain ideas for their own design.

PSHE

This term, children will cover a range of learning points including:

-What it means to be safe on the internet
-Appropriate behaviour
-Identifying things that can benefit us and things that can harm us
-Assessing and managing risks

French

Weekly French lessons are taught by Mrs Mishan and will focus on the following topics:

-Clothes and family members

Please ensure that all school uniform, including 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. There is also a clipboard for urgent messages available for parents to write on.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ogilvie

Mr Jarrett

Miss Roper & Miss Cassidy-Jones