



Welcome to MAPLE



Dear parents,

I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to the Maple Class! I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that this year has to offer!

Homework

Maths and English homework will be set most weeks to consolidate class work and at the same time enable you to see what the children are learning. Maths homework will be given on Friday for return the following Monday. English homework will be given on Monday for return the following Wednesday.

Spelling

Spelling will be given on Monday. These may be spelling patterns, spelling rules, high frequency words or words related to topic work. Your support in helping your children learn these words at home is appreciated. Hopefully children will apply new words to their work all the time rather than just remembering them for a weekly test.



Reading

Your child will take part in many reading activities in class through all subject areas. In addition, they have a reading book for home (please hear them read as often as possible). These books need to be in school every day and can be changed whenever the previous one has been completed. On completion children will be expected to place their current reading book in the Reading box before lunchtime ready for changing. Even though many of the children are now competent readers, it is very important that their vocabulary is extended and their conversational skills are developed as you hear them read. Your help is invaluable.

Physical Education

The children will be swimming on **Tuesday** (from 25th September) and PE (outdoor) will be on **Friday**. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit and PE kit in school on these days and that all items are clearly labelled. You may wish to send trainers, a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons, especially as the weather becomes cooler.

Topics

Topics this term include 'Rocks' and 'Electricity' in Science and 'Stone Age to Iron Age' in History. Conversational French will also be taught.

Please come to school if you feel that your child is experiencing any problems – something minor to us can seem a major issue to a child. I am usually free before school begins each day or alternatively each day after school, except Wednesday. I look forward to meeting you at Parent's Evening next month.

