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| Dear Parents and Carers,  Here is an outline of what the children in Maple Class will be learning during this term. The learning in each area will be linked to the National Curriculum. Our topic is called ‘Houses and Homes!’  **PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.**  **Mrs Hilder will be teaching Maple Class every other Wednesday while I complete Planning, Preparation and Assessment tasks.**  Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns or questions.  Kind Regards  Mrs Forrest and Mrs Hilder. | | **Literacy**    We will be reading a range of fiction and non fiction books to support our topic around houses and homes.  Year 1 will be learning Song of Sound 2 while Year 2 will learn Song of Sound 3.  Year 1 will have regular fine motor skill sessions to help prepare them for starting to join their handwriting while Year 2 will be practicing individual letters and short words using our joined style. Most Year 2 children join their writing by the end of the year. There will also be regular opportunities to learn to read and spell the statutory common exception words for each year group. |
| **Science**    Our main topic this term is Everyday Materials. We will be learning about a range of natural and manmade materials, considering their properties and their uses.    We will also be focusing on Seasonal Change. The class will be encouraged to observe changes across the four seasons and they will learn about the weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies. | **Geography/History**    *We will be learning about homes from the past and shortly be visiting Singleton Open Air Museum to see a range of old houses.*  *The children will learn about the historical importance of Bonfire Night.*  *In Geography we will be locating hot and cold areas of the world and use basic geographical terms to describe physical and human features.* | **Numeracy**  **Year 1 children will be sorting counting and representing number using objects, pictures and number lines. They will become more familiar with the concept of place value by comparing and ordering numbers. Year 1 will move on to using number bond facts and related subtraction facts within 10.**  **Year 2 will begin with reading and writing numbers at least to 100 in numerals and in words. They will be comparing and ordering numbers using place value and number facts to solve problems. The children will be counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from 0, both forwards and backwards. They will be asked to recall addition and subtraction facts to 20 with fluency. Later on we will be looking at money; combining amounts to make a particular value and solving problems involving giving change.** |
| Music    **We will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch and we will be playing a variety of instruments. We will also sing a range of songs linked to Harvest and Christmas** | PE   We will be creating and performing a range of dances. Toby will be helping the children to develop their skills in gymnastics; exploring different ways of travelling, rolling, jumping, balancing and creating sequences. | **Computing**  **We will be programming Bee Bots to create routes. We will also be creating self-portraits and house related pictures using 2 Paint a Picture.**  **We will be using iPads and laptops as part of our everyday learning with a focus on Esafety.** |
| **RE**  We will be learning about Harvest and Christmas.  There will be a focus on belonging as well as Christmas around the world. | **Art/DT**  **In DT, we will be creating our own houses from a range of materials.**  **In Art we will be looking at works by L. S Lowry and producing pictures in a similar style** | **PSHE**    Our focus this half term is  “New Beginnings!” and then we move on to  “Say No to Bullying.” |