

Maple Class
Spring Term 2024

To the Rescue! What is your superpower?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is a brief outline of our learning journey this term. PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will visit Woodland Activities after half term. We hope to go to the brand new Gatwick STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths learning) Centre soon. Details to follow. If any parent or family member would like to talk to the class about their job or career please let us know. Thank you.

I am a reader and a writer

We will be sharing and reading a range of texts (stories, non-fiction and poetry) relating to real and imagined superheroes. As authors we will be writing to entertain as well as to inform.

I am a scientist

As scientists, we will be naming, sorting, comparing and identifying the properties of a range of materials. We will also be investigating how materials can be changed. This learning will be linked to designing and making a superhero cape. We will continue our learning about seasonal changes too!

I am a mathematician

Year 1 will be moving on to Place Value using numbers within 20 then within 50. After that, we will be revisiting addition and subtraction before learning how to add by making 10.

For Year 2 much of this terms mathematical learning will be about addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. The class will learn how to cross the tens boundary when adding and subtracting using 2 digit numbers, make equal groups both by sharing and grouping. They will learn to multiply and divide by 2, 5 and 10.

I am a historian and a geographer

As Geographers, we will be describing some places and features using simple geographical vocabulary. We will be expressing our views on some features of the environment and make observations about features that give places their character.

As Historians, we will be recognising the difference between past and present in our own and others' lives. Through the story of Rosa Parks, we will discover why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result.

The class will continue their topic maths learning about money, time and shape with Mrs Burton and Mrs Hilder. These areas need to be revisited regularly in order for the children to be able to master these concepts.

I am a musician

Mrs Burton will be teaching the class using the Music Express units: 'Machines' and 'Travel.' We will also learn some songs for our Easter Service.

PE

The children will continue to develop their skills with Mr Lewis in Gymnastics and later on multi-skills activities.

We will also create and perform simple themed dances with Mrs Burton.

Computing

We will be using technology purposefully to create digital content.

Year 1 will learn how to combine images and text. Year 2 will be introduced to digit art and the skill of animation.

The class will also learn how to be safe online with regards to personal information as well as how to research information safely.

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The class will be learning about Jesus as a friend and thinking about whether it was always easy for Jesus to show friendship.

The children will also find out about the importance of Palm Sunday and learn why Jesus was welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday.

I am an artist and a designer

As artists and designers, we will look at and respond to portraits from a range of artists and cultures. We will develop our drawing skills by sketching a portrait of Greta Thunberg.

After investigating which material would be best for a cape the children will design, make and evaluate a cape fit for a superhero.

Life Learning

The children will learn how to recognise a medical emergency, what to do to call for help and how to put someone in the recovery position. There will also be a focus on economic well-being; how to handle money and what it means to have a job and earn money

