



Year 5 Summer Newsletter



Dear All,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

In English this term we are continuing to work from the successful Literacy and Language scheme (written by the authors of the Read, Write Inc. scheme used by the Infants.) Mrs Hitchcock's English lessons will be based on non-fiction reading and writing and will explore non-chronological reports and discussion texts. Mr Emeny will be teaching about stories from other cultures and playscripts. He will also teach SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) as well as comprehension skills, to really heighten the children's skills in these areas.

Regular reading is still really important, so please encourage your children to make full use of the school library, class book corner and books on Bug Club in addition to the scheduled class slots in the library. We will continue with regular Guided Reading sessions so your child will need to ensure their reading books and reading logs are in school on the day of their session. If you are looking for inspiration for books that your child could be reading, the English coordinators have placed suggested yearly reading lists on the school website on each class page. Getting your child to read aloud to you at home is still a really important skill; please try and make some time for this each week also.

In Maths we will be working regularly on mental arithmetic, developing skills for faster and more accurate work and regularly practising times tables; Thursday's will be our day for the exciting Tables Torture! We know that the children that improve most at this are the children that take home practice sheets; please encourage your child to see Mrs. King to get as many of these as they wish. Mr Emeny will cover all areas of working with and manipulating 'Numbers' using all four disciplines and Mrs Hitchcock will teach 'Measurement, Geometry and Statistics' including exploring coordinates, drawing and identifying 2D and 3D shapes, calculating perimeter, volume and area and using timetables.

Homework will continue be sent home each week on a Friday and must be handed in the following Wednesday or before. Spelling word lists through the Literacy and Language scheme will continue to be sent home each Thursday and will need to be learnt for a test on the following Thursday. We will continue regular activities on these in class but do emphasise the need to encourage your child to practise these on a regular basis (preferably daily) at home. As always, please continue to contact us if there is an issue or if your child needs clarification on a task.

Our Science work this term will include exploring everyday materials. Our DT module will focus on Electrical systems using switches and circuits. Year 5's Geography topics are based on mountains and rivers and mapping skills. RE with Mrs. Bowen will continue to focus on Christianity and Judaism. In Computing, the children will be creating a virtual space that they can design and manipulate and sharing experiences and opinions to create a blog.

Circle Time to discuss PSHE issues will take place regularly, with weekly time given to feedback from Eco and School Council.

PE is now on a Monday, Thursday and Friday - please make sure that your child's clean Maple P.E. kit is in school on these days and is **labelled**. Please do ensure that your child has warm layers and suitable footwear such as trainers. PE kits should go home regularly for washing.

French will continue once a week on a Tuesday. This will cover basic conversational French and carry on from last year's learning.

For this term Mr Emeny will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Morning. Mrs. Bowen will teach every Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Hitchcock will teach Thursday and Friday. Our teaching assistants (TAs) who provide fantastic additional class support are Mrs. King and Mrs. Kite.

Please feel at ease to discuss any important pupil issues with us before they become major. If we can't meet immediately we will create a slot for us as early as possible. It is important that we work as a team to enhance the best qualities in each and every pupil in the class.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and I hope that it helps to keep you more informed about your child's education at Maple School.

We are very excited about the term ahead and look forward to working with your children. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Also, don't forget to follow us on Twitter to hear all about what we're getting up to: [MapleSchoolYr5](#).

Mr Emeny, Mrs Hitchcock and the Year 5 Team

Year 5 dates for your diary:

Open Evening: 26th April

Year 5 & 6 Production: Wk commencing 10th July

Gillwell Meeting: 10th May 7pm

Gillwell Trip: 28th - 30th June

Class Photo: 23rd June

Sports Day 17th July

Reports: 7th July