

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a very good holiday and are all rested for a new and exciting year in Year 3! Some of you may already know me from my time at Maple in Year 4, and I am very pleased to be teaching your children this year. We are very privileged in Year 3 to have Mrs Bersanelli as our Teaching Assistant. She worked in Maple last year in Year 5 and will be a fantastic asset to the Year 3 team. We are very lucky to have her for extra support within the class full time.

Main topics for this term

Maths:

This year in Maths we will be focusing on improving fluency ready for the rest of KS2. To do this we will be following the Herts Essential Maths plans which focus on all children learning the same content with opportunities for greater depth investigations. Therefore, we will not be setting fixed Maths ability groups for the year but will be assessing the children at the start of a topic and giving them work accordingly for the sequence dependent on their ability for that topic. This scheme also emphasizes the importance of physical manipulatives to support mathematical learning which will be implemented in the classroom.

English:

In English we will be starting the term by looking at fantasy narratives, recounts, reading, writing and performing free verse, instructions, familiar limericks and play writing.

We will also have a free writing session every week for the children to focus on their writing skills and spelling, comprehension and grammar sessions. Every child will read once a week as part of a group during a Guided Reading session. Your child will be bringing home a Guided Reading diary so we can track reading at home and so you can see the reading we do in school. Please keep a record of any reading you do with your child at home. As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 3 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Children will be given spellings on a Friday which they will need to learn in preparation for a test the following Friday. Your help with encouraging children to learn their spellings regularly will be greatly appreciated.

Science:



Please see our power point which will fully explain the year ahead and hopefully answer any questions that you have.

**17th & 19th October
2023**

Parent/ teacher consultations will take place on **Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October**. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at this meeting.



In Science this term our topics are 'forces' and magnets and rocks. We are very excited to get the children investigating as much as possible and developing their curiosity.

History:

In History we will be studying the Stone Age. We will be trying to understand chronology along with the tools they crafted and what their daily lives looked like.

Design and technology/ Art:

In D & T this term we are going to be looking at textiles and will be making a pencil case. In Art we will be focusing on a plant theme.

Music:

We are following the Charanga Scheme of work. The children will be having recorder lessons later in the school Year.

Computing:

In Computing we are going to be focusing on programming and bug fixing/problem solving. We will primarily be using Purple Mash which you can use at home if your child would like. In addition, throughout the year we will be promoting E-safety as we feel this is becoming increasingly important.

P.E

In P.E this half term, in addition to the daily run (which will now be 3 laps!), we will be looking at sports such as football, dance, basketball and gymnastics. We will be doing P.E on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Please do ensure your child has suitable layers and footwear, particularly over the coming winter months.

R.E

In RE this term we will be looking at Christianity and Islam and the beliefs, practices, symbols and actions within these two religions. Festivals, traditions and key life events in follower's lives will also be explored.

French

French will concentrate on a basic introduction to French and then animals.

HOME STUDY:

Home study will be set on Fridays, which will include spellings, a MyMaths task and a task set for English (**starting after half term**). This is to be handed back in on the **Wednesday** of the following week.

It is important that your child hands in completed tasks on time and your help with this is very much appreciated. It is encouraged for you to help your child where necessary. However please make sure this is their own work.

Please find your child's weekly home learning task on Google classroom.

Uniform:

Children are expected to be in uniform every day, and make sure their PE kits are brought in for Mondays and Wednesdays for PE. They will need a pair of suitable trainers for P.E sessions. For health and safety, please make sure all long hair is tied back.

Every child needs a named water bottle in school and this will be sent home **every night** for a good wash and needs to come back into school every morning with fresh water.

Healthy snacks:

Now the children are in the juniors they are allowed to bring a snack item into school for morning break. Please could we make you aware that this should be fresh or dried fruit or vegetable. Please do not bring in any cereal bars, biscuits or crisps.

Any more information you would like about the curriculum in Year 3 can be found on the school website: <https://maple.herts.sch.uk/pupils/classrooms/year-3/>

Thank you, for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr Port, Miss Baylis and Mrs Bersanelli

