

Year 5 Autumn Term 2023

Maple Primary School

Welcome back from the Year 5 team!

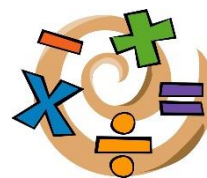


A big welcome back to Maple and we hope you are ready for another fantastic year! We are very excited for the new year and are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful work Year 5 will produce!

Miss Goymer will be teaching Year 5 this year with Ms Naran and Mrs Stevenson as her teaching assistants. Miss Goymer has been working at Maple since 2020, both as a teaching assistant and student teacher. She is also taking on the role of music coordinator this year. Ms Naran and Mrs Stevenson both have experience in working in Upper Key Stage 2, and all three are excited to be working with this year's Year 5. We are also lucky to have Mrs Theivam teaching Year 5 each Wednesday morning whilst covering Miss Goymer's Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. We have enjoyed getting the classroom set up for September and hope that you, like us, are feeling refreshed and ready to go after the summer holidays.

Main topics for this term

Maths:



In Maths we will be working regularly on mental arithmetic, to continually develop skills for fluid and accurate work. We will also be continuing with our Herts for Learning scheme and have included the topics we will be covering below, which will be flexible where there is class need and assessment. Mrs Theivam will also predominantly cover the Shape, Space and Measure areas of the Year 5 curriculum.

If you need any help with any specific methods we teach, please do let us know. We will be continuing our focus on recall this year and making sure that all the topics we teach are embedded into the children's long-term memory. Therefore, Maths starters at the

Key Term Dates

**17th & 19th
October 2023**

Parent/ teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October. I look forward to discussing your child's progress with you over these days.

**19th October 2023
(TBC)**

**Class trip to
Stevenage STEM
Centre**

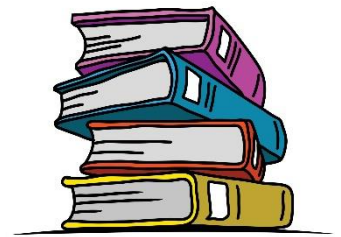
beginning of each lesson will continue on from last year, looking at topics from the previous week, previous month and previous term.

Mathematic Topics we will cover in the Autumn term include:

- Place value
- Negative numbers
- Decimal places
- Multiplication and division – mentally and formally
- Properties of numbers
- Problem solving
- Addition and subtraction - mentally and formally
- Equivalent fractions
- Fractions

English:

In English this term, we will be covering a variety of genres including traditional tales, recounts, explanation texts and lots of vocabulary building. We are also going to be exploring the book 'COSMIC' to enhance the love of reading, which will include a variety of genres based around the book. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and comprehension will be taught by Mrs Theivam separately to improve the children's skills in these areas, whilst being continually reinforced during our main English lessons.



Guided Reading sessions will start next week on a Thursday (14th September). These will continue with the whole class Guided Reading sessions, helping the children to see a range of different genres, as well as the opportunity to discuss these texts with a variety of their peers. Therefore, we will be doing whole class Guided Reading Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, with a group read each Thursday. It is your child's responsibility to bring their reading book to school with them on the day of their sessions. Please help them with this until it becomes routine. Children will normally be set a certain amount of reading from their guided reading book to complete at home each week. As we are now in upper KS2 it is important that the children make sure they are actively reading. Children should be reading at least three times a week, with a small note of the book they are reading and a signature from an adult at home.

The children will also have time in the library every Tuesday, so it would be hugely appreciated if you could keep an eye on books being brought home and make sure they are returned to school in good condition. As always, reading should be encouraged at home. For ideas on what books are suitable for your children, there is a recommended reading list for Year 5 on the Maple website.

Here are a few notes about other areas of the curriculum for this term:

Subjects	Topics
Art	A sense of place
Computing	Coding Online safety Concept maps
D&T	Food making
French	Core vocabulary & planets
Geography	Rivers & Mountains
History	Anglo Saxons and Vikings
Music	Livin' on a Prayer
P.E	Gymnastics Netball Tag rugby Fitness
Science	Earth & Beyond Feel the force
SPAG	Relative clauses Modal verbs Adverbs Assessment
PSHE	Being me in my world Celebrating differences
R.E	Christianity & Judaism

P.E

P.E will be on a Tuesday and a Friday for Year 5. We are continuing to get changed in school rather than coming to school in your kit, so please make sure you bring your kit into school. Please do ensure they have suitable layers and footwear, particularly over the coming winter months.

Home study:

Approximately half an hour of both Maths and English home-study will be sent home each week on a Friday, starting on the 15th September and must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. This will be set on Google classroom, using the username and password your child has previously used. If, for any reason, you cannot access Google Classroom please let us know ASAP and we can give you a paper copy. Homework can either then be submitted to Google classroom or physically brought into school. Each pupil will be given a writing, SPaG or comprehension task for English, according to what they are learning that week, as well as an online Maths task, predominately through 'My Maths'.

They should all have the same log-ins that they had in Year 4. If you do not have these please let us know ASAP. Spellings will be sent home each Thursday/Friday for a test the following Thursday.

Any children who do not hand their homework in on time will need to complete it in school during a break or lunch time. If your child does not manage to finish their homework at home but have given it sufficient amount of time, we expect a letter from parents explaining this.

If you wish to speak with Miss Goymer, please do not hesitate to get in touch by ringing the school office, sending an email to admin@maple.herts.sch.uk or popping into the classroom. Please be aware, in the mornings we will be greeting the children and making sure they are settled so if you wish to discuss something in length, please do make an appointment. Similarly, we have staff meetings on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We also hope you find the class PowerPoint presentation useful. This will be available once we have had our parent teacher meeting (Thursday 7th September) and if you have any questions at this meeting please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter. We hope it helps to keep you informed with everything that we have planned this term. We thank you in advance for your support in your child's learning.

Best wishes,

Miss Goymer and the Year 5 team!

