



# Year 5 Summer Newsletter



Dear All,

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

In Year 5 this term, Mrs Ison will continue to teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Turner on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. As you may already know, sadly Mrs King, one of our fantastic teaching assistants, is leaving Maple School and her last day is today (26<sup>th</sup> April). Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays will be covered in Year 5 by other teaching assistants currently working at the school. Mrs Kite will teach the class for part of Tuesday afternoon to cover Mrs Ison's PPA (Planning, preparation and assessment) time and Mrs Garland will teach the class on Thursday afternoons, from 1.15pm to 2.35pm, to give Mrs Turner her PPA time.

In English this term, Mrs Turner's lessons will be focussed on non-fiction reading and writing, including non-chronological reports and discussion texts and Mrs Ison will be teaching fiction, including stories from other cultures and playscripts. The children will also have SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and comprehension lessons, to develop their 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 diaries are in school on the day of their session. If you are looking for inspiration for books that your child could be reading, there are 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 the speed of our mental maths skills, including Tables Torture, which is changing its day to a Friday, and Time Tables Rock Stars, which we will continue to practice 3 times a week. We know that the children that improve most at this are the children that take home practice sheets; please encourage your child to see one of our teaching assistants to get as many of these as they wish. Mrs Ison will continue with work on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and cover all areas of working with and manipulating numbers using all 4 disciplines. Mrs Turner will teach 'Measurement, Geometry and Statistics' including conversions of imperial and metric units, regular and irregular polygons, charts, tables and line graphs, calculating volume and area and using timetables.

Homework will continue to be sent home each week on a Friday and must be handed in the following Wednesday or before. Spelling word lists will continue to be sent home each Friday and will need to be learnt for a test on the following Thursday. We will continue regular activities on these in class but do 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 plant and animal reproduction and looking at everyday materials. Our Geography lessons will be about mountains and rivers and mapping skills. RE will continue to focus on

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

PE is still on a Monday and Wednesday - 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.

We are very much looking forward to our residential trip to Gilwell Park, later in the term. Please come to our parents' meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm to find out more information about the trip.

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 to meet 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.

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](#).

Mrs Ison, Mrs Turner and Mrs Kite

**Year 5 dates for your diary:**

**Open Evening: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5.30-7.30pm**  
**Gillwell Parents' Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7pm**  
**Bikeability: Wk commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Gilwell Park Trip: 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Reports home: 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Year 5 & 6 Production: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm**  
**Sports Day: 15<sup>th</sup> July**