

# Year 5 Spring Term 2024

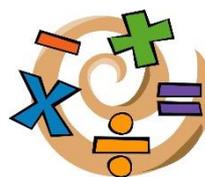
Maple Primary School

Welcome back from the Year 5 team!



Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year from the Year 5 team. Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you for the gifts we received at the end of the Christmas Term. We are very grateful and touched by your generosity. I hope you have had a good rest over the Christmas Holiday and you are looking forward to a great term ahead!

## Main topics for this term



### Maths:

This term we will be continuing our work following the Herts Essential Maths Plans. I have attached a grid below to show you what we will be covering and in what order. It might be that a few weeks overlap so this is a rough guide. This term, we will also be starting a weekly times tables practice. You can also still practice at home on TT Rockstars and if you want some practice sheets please let us know.

| First Half Spring Term  | Second Half Spring Term  |
|---|--|
| Miss Goymer   |  |
| Formal Division<br>Equivalent Fractions<br>Comparing and Ordering Fractions<br>Adding and Subtracting Fractions | Problem Solving operations<br>Multiplying Fractions<br>Problem Solving Fractions |
| Mrs Theivam   |  |
| The children will be continuing with our shape, space and measure topics throughout the term.                   |  |

## Key Term Dates

Swimming begins  
(Group 1 & 2)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 2024

Parent/Teacher  
consultations

13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 2024

World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Special Events  
week

(Friday) 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
(Thursday) 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 2024

## English:

In English this term we are going to be looking at poetry, suspense and mystery and information texts. For our suspense and mystery topic we are going to be looking at 'The Boy in the Tower'. In Spelling, Comprehension and Grammar we are going to continue with our work on reading comprehension as well as touching upon parenthesis, expanded noun phrases and tenses. In addition, we have our weekly guided reading session; building on from the inference work last term, we are going to be drawing on a variety of texts throughout the week, as well as continuing our group sessions on a Friday. Please remember to write in your reading diaries for our class competition (we have still not managed to reach a week yet but were very close last term!). You do not need to just write about our Guided reading book as it can be on any book you are reading, but with the specific Guided Reading focus. Our Spelling tests will continue to be on a Thursday morning.



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

| Subjects  | Topics  |
|-----------|---|
| Art       | Chinese Art   |
| Computing | Spreadsheets<br>Data bases  |
| D&T       | Electrical circuits   |
| French    | Weather<br>En Classe (In the Classroom)<br>Les Vêtements (Clothes)      |
| Geography | Volcanoes<br>Rivers<br>Mountains  |
| History   | N/A   |
| Music     | Make you Feel my love<br>The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air                    |
| P.E       | Basketball<br>Football<br>Swimming                                      |
| Science   | Marvellous Mixtures<br>All change<br>Reproduction in plants and animals |
| SPAG      | Parenthesis<br>Expanded noun phrases<br>Tenses                          |
| PSHE      | Dreams and Goals<br>Healthy Me  |
| R.E       | Christianity & Judaism  |

## P.E

P.E will take place on a Friday this term, please make sure that warm P.E kit is worn, such as tracksuit bottoms and jumpers as it is still very chilly outside.

Please can I also ask you encourage the children to remember to bring in their P.E kit for these days, as we had a lot of missing kit across the autumn term. Thank you.

## Swimming

As you know, Year 5 will be attending swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon this term. This will take the place of our usual Tuesday PE slot.

Please ensure your child brings in their swim attire, hat, towel and goggles (optional) every Monday, depending on when your child will be swimming (these dates will have been previously emailed to you.) The last group of the day will finish their lesson at 3:15pm, with an expected arrival at Maple at around 3:30pm (please note that if this applies to your child you will have been sent a separate e-mail).

## Home study:

Weekly home study will continue with approximately half an hour of both Maths and English set each week on a Friday, with a hand in by 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 you have not managed to finish your 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](mailto: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 okay so if you wish to discuss something in length, please do make an appointment. Similarly, we have staff meetings on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

Best wishes,

Miss Goymer and the Year 5 team

