

Year 5, Maple and Oak's, Newsletter Autumn 2

We hope you have had a wonderful half term. We are so happy to welcome you back and we hope you have rested well and are ready to get back to learning. We have many exciting lessons planned this half term and we hope you enjoy them. Should you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant. Our doors are always open (virtually, by a telephone call!) and we are here to help!

Miss Parnell and Miss Gatehouse.

LITERACY

Writing:

This half term in Literacy, we are going to be looking at the book 'Secrets of the Sun King' by Emma Carroll. We are going to use this text to help us write a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including: setting descriptions, characterisation, building suspense and non-chronological reports. We will also be having weekly extended writing, spellings, grammar, reading comprehension homework, read and discover and guided reading. Our guided reading book will be 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl.

Reading:

Every child needs to be reading at home daily. The best help you can give your child is to listen to them read daily for 20 minutes. It is important to stop them regularly, to check their understanding. What are the characters thinking/feeling? How do they know? Look at the layout of each page and how photos/diagrams in the text are used and ask your child questions about these aspects. Ask your child to really explain their answers using a 'because', if necessary.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the year:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, all pupils in Year 5 will be looking at **Statistics, Multiplication and Division and Perimeter.**

Homework Maths homework will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis. If your child requires computer access in school time, please let us know. Timetables will continue to also be a key focus and you can help your child by practising these with them too, using Page 120 in their planners, and the TT Rockstars online resource, for which they have a login

SCIENCE

This half term in Science we will be focusing on Properties and the Change of Materials. We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets. We will learn that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We are also going to use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.

Key Vocabulary: solid, liquid, gas, transparent, opaque, translucent, flexible, hard, strong, elastic, plastic, magnetic, thermal insulator, electrical insulator.



Other Curriculum Areas

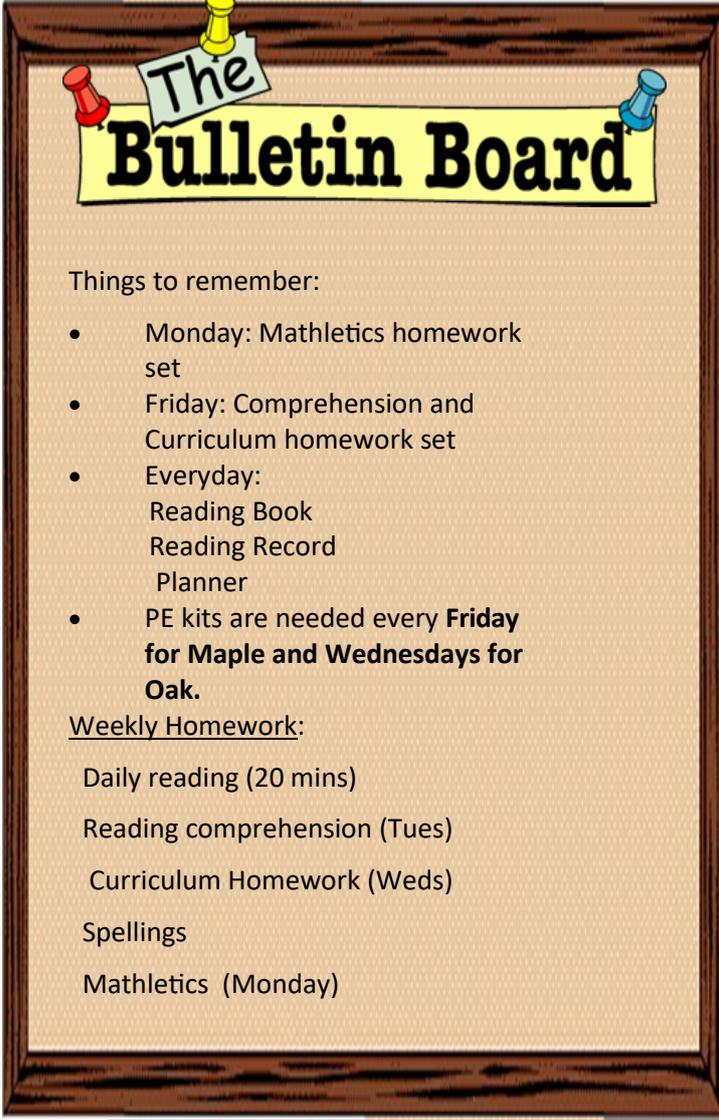
Other subjects:

Curriculum— This half term we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt. We will be looking many different pharaohs, including a more famous one -Tutankhamun. We will assess artefacts found inside the tombs and look at civilisations during this time. We will also look at beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians and life after death.

PE – This half term in PE will be looking at Gymnastics and the different techniques used in Gymnastics. We will be looking at travelling, balancing, the 7 key shapes used in Gymnastics and flexibility.

PSHE- This half term we will be focusing on relationships: families and friendships, how to form safe relationships and how to respect ourselves and others.

Languages– This half term we are lucky to have Miss Padgett from Trinity Halifax coming to teach us some Spanish lessons.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

- Monday: Mathletics homework set
- Friday: Comprehension and Curriculum homework set
- Everyday:
Reading Book
Reading Record
Planner
- PE kits are needed every **Friday for Maple and Wednesdays for Oak.**

Weekly Homework:

- Daily reading (20 mins)
- Reading comprehension (Tues)
- Curriculum Homework (Weds)
- Spellings
- Mathletics (Monday)



IMPORTANT DATES

- WC 2/11/20: Speak out, Stay Safe week
- 9/11/20—Parents' Evening
- 11/11/20—Remembrance Day Assembly
- 13/11/20—Children In Need Non-Uniform day—£1 per family.
- 17/11/20—Individual School Photos
- WC 16/11/20—Road Safety in PSHE
- 20/11/20—Odd Socks Day raising awareness for Anti-Bullying
- WC 23/11/20—Allergy Awareness Week
- WC 30/11/20—Advent and Christingle
- WC 7/12/20—Human Rights Week
- 18/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day

Uniform- Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make-up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. Dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.