

# Year 5 Maple and Oak Newsletter Spring 1 2021

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a great Christmas and New Year. It is such a shame that we will not see a lot of you in school but Miss Parnell and Miss Gatehouse have already started with our home learning. We cannot wait to receive your work and support you from your very own homes!

Just a little reminder that the class emails are:

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## LITERACY

As our topic this half term is South America, we will be looking at the novel 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan. The story focuses on two dumpsite boys living in 'Behala' in South America, who stumble upon something extraordinary. The story is adventurous and exciting and we are very excited to read this! When we are writing, we will be focusing on making sure we have a detailed adventure text that incorporates an ambitious setting description. We will be using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and parenthesis. For our non-fiction text, we will be focusing on writing a balanced argument, thinking about arguments for and against an event that happens within the story.

### Key vocabulary:

Expanded noun phrase      fronted adverbial  
relative clause      parenthesis      paragraphs

## Mathematics

Maths will look a little different this term! We will be using some fantastic videos prepared by White Rose Maths Team. They will explain all of the slides and invite you to pause the video and have a go at questions or even to have a think about the slides. They will also tell you when to answer questions in the Maths booklets which are available to be picked up from school.

This term, we will be mostly focused on multiplication and division. We will be building upon our skills learnt in Year 4 and moving onto multiplying even larger numbers and using a formal written method.

We will also be encouraging you at home to practice regularly on Times Tables Rockstars to develop your multiplication skills. There are lots of opportunities to challenge yourself and others – even to challenge your teachers!

Key vocabulary: Multiplication, equal, groups, lots of, product, division, sharing, grouping



## SCIENCE

This term we will be exploring materials and properties. In class and at home, we will be conducting lots of experiments to help our understanding and to 'work like scientists.' All of the experiments planned will easily be able to done at home with things that you might be able to find around the house, like glasses, paper, elastic bands and metal spoons.

### Key Vocabulary:



Fair test      conclusion  
Vibrations      properties  
materials      transparent  
opaque      translucent      hard      dense  
soluble      conductor      insulator



# Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Physical activity is incredibly important for our health, especially when we might be at home more than we were before. We will be looking at Dance as an activity, which we hope you will be able to do at home. Also, we would suggest you have a go at the Joe Wicks videos as often as you can to make sure you're keeping fit and active! A simple, socially-distanced walk daily is also brilliant for getting your 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

Geography - South America, with a focus on Brazil!

PSHE- Empathy, living in a community, respect, compassion, online safety and communication.



## The Bulletin Board

### Things to remember:

#### Everyday:

- Reading books
- Practise your times tables
- Spellings
- Go for a walk or some physical activity.

#### For those of your working from home:

You can access the work via the link below  
[General \(TAA - Maple\) | Microsoft Teams](#)



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 05.01.2021 - World Braille Day
- 17.01.2021 - World Religion Day
- 18.01.2021 - Martin Luther King Day
- 25.01.2021 - Burns' Night
- 27.01.2021 - Holocaust Memorial Day
- 01.02.2021 - Storytelling Week
- WC.01.02.2021 - Children's Mental Health Week
- 09.02.2021 - Safer Internet Day
- 08.02.2021 & 09.02.2021 - Individual Learning Plan Review Evening
- 12.2.21 - School closes
- 22.2.21 - School reopens

**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform if they are in school. At home, it would be a great idea to get children up at normal school time and dressed ready to start their day of home learning.

**Reading** - Year 5 pupils should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words, using their phonics, and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?