

# Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 4

Our Year 5 pupils have already begun preparing for our learning showcases. We hope you will be able to attend, Maple's learning showcase will be on the 31st of March and Oak's will be on the 1st of April. As we move into term 4, we will be continuing to work hard and motivate pupils to take a lead in their learning. Please could we ask that children are supported with their homework which is used to consolidate what they have been learning in class and encouraged to read everyday.

If you have any questions or concerns about this term, please contact your child's teacher.

## LITERACY

At the beginning of this term we are focusing on writing a news report. Pupils will develop their understanding of cohesion by looking at how sentences link within and across paragraphs. Pupils will also focus on adding extra information to their reports using relative clauses.

This term, we will be using the book *Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo* to inspire our writing. We will be using the book to inspire creating our own legends and to support the writing of a journey tale. Whilst writing a legend pupils will focus on creating a journey story in chronological order and integrate dialogue to advance the action.

### Key vocabulary:

News report, relative clauses, cohesion, adverbial phrases, conjunctions, legend, chronology, clarity and dialogue.

## Mathematics

This term our main focus is fractions. Pupils will recap what a fraction is and learn how to identify equivalent fractions. We will move on to learning about mixed and improper fractions and learn to identify patterns. By the end of the term pupils will learn to add, subtract and multiply fractions.

### Key vocabulary:

Fraction, part, whole, equivalent, simplify, half, quarter, third, compare, numerator, denominator.



## SCIENCE

This term, we will be exploring the animals including humans. We will be looking at the life cycles of different animals and learning how to classify animals into categories. We will then move on to looking at the life cycle of a plant. We will focus on naming the parts of a plant and learn how different plants pollinate.

### Key Vocabulary:

Life cycle, mammals, fish, amphibians, insects, reptiles, invertebrates, vertebrates, classifying, reproduction, fertilisation, pollination.





## Other Curriculum Areas

**History** – Year 5 will learn all about the Tudors. We are learning all about Henry VIII and his sixth wives. Pupils will use their enquiry skills to conclude whether or not Henry VIII was a fair ruler and if he used his power fairly.

**PE** – In PE this term we are focussing on athletics. Pupils will begin to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. Develop balance, agility and coordination.

**PSHE**- Our PSHE unit is 'How can social media affect me'. Pupils will gain a clear understanding of what social media is and move on to looking at the affects of social media on young peoples mental health.

**RE**– We are continuing our RE topic , 'Why are some journeys and places special?'. This unit explores the special journeys that people make. It includes pilgrimages and spiritual journeys as well as metaphorical journeys through faith. It also looks at where these journeys are to, why they are undertaken and what people learn from them. It looks at the sacrifices that people make in order to carry out the journeys and how this enriches people's lives.

**DT**: This term we are focussing on making tents and dens. We are learning which shape is the strongest to form a framed structure and designing a tent which would be durable in a windy environment.



## The Bulletin Board

### Things to remember:

Homework– out Monday, in Friday.

Spelling test - Friday

Oak PE— Wednesday

Maple PE – Thursday

### **Websites needed:**

MyOn: <https://www.myon.co.uk/login>

Freckle: <https://freckle.com/en-us/>

Microsoft Teams:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>

Accelerated reader

<https://ukhosted53.renlearn.co.uk/2250283/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>

TT Rockstars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

Class emails:

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Red Nose Day—18th March**

**Maple Learning Showcase—31st March**

**Oak Learning Showcase— 1st April**

**Parents' Evening—5th April & 6th April**