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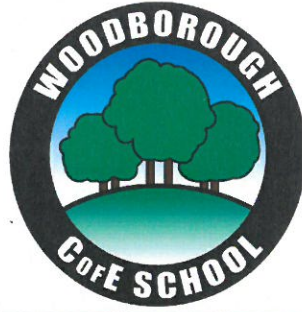
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# MAPLE CLASS NEWSLETTER

## Key Dates for Maple Class

**Monday** – Spelling Test and Lesson – Purple Book needed.

**Tuesday** – PE kit needed.

**Thursday** – English and Maths homework due in. PE kit needed.

**Friday** – Reading records checked for success stamps. New homework given out. PE kit needed.

\* Reading books and records needed in school every day.

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The following information will explain the plans for Maple Class over the next two terms.

### Curriculum

We are starting off the New Year with a D&T topic about 'Healthy Eating'. We will be thinking about a healthy lifestyle, exploring the different food groups and designing and making our own salads. We have a class cooking week planned for w/b 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - more details to follow soon! This topic will be closely linked to art and PSHE. If you think you have any relevant nonfiction books - please send them in and make sure they are named.

Our first English unit is based around the picture book 'Man on the moon' by Simon Bartram. We are basing several grammar and punctuation activities around this book. English and maths will be taught daily in accordance with the New National Curriculum. After half term we will have a science topic - Living things and habitats.

In PE we will be developing our throwing and catching skills through modified ball games - netball in particular. The other PE session on a Tuesday will be gymnastics with Mrs Butler. Please ensure that children have appropriate PE kit on these days. As

the weather is colder at the moment, children will require jumpers and tracksuit bottoms.

We will start with a Judaism RE unit exploring belonging and symbols. After half term our Easter RE unit will ask 'Did Jesus really come back to life?'

### Digital Learning

At the end of last term our successful class blog was updated. We will continue to share our learning journey regularly. Please check the new blog address and leave us some comments:

<http://mapleclass.woodboroughschool.org/>

In addition, please follow @w\_woodborough on Twitter for regular events and updates. I also have a professional Twitter account which I use frequently @MissFDuffy. Thank you for all embracing the Seesaw app - the children will be sending you pictures, videos and voice recording about their work in class on a regular basis. They absolutely love having feedback and comments!

### A reminder about homework:

All children are expected to **read at home at least 3 times a week**. If this is completed and an adult from home signs their reading record the children will receive a success stamp on a Friday. It is very important at this age that children read alongside

adults so they can improve their fluency and confidence. It will also allow the children to discuss the content of their books. New Reading Awards will start soon.

**English and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in the following Thursday. Weekly spellings lessons will take place on a Monday, with homework tasks due and spelling tests the following Monday.** If children score 10 out of 10 in 3 consecutive weeks they will receive a success stamp on a Friday. **Any help with learning key words at home is much appreciated - please see attached sheet.** In addition, the children should be **learning number bonds, times tables (2s, 5s and 10s) and related division facts continually** as they work towards improving their results in our termly Number Bond Awards. The Mathletics website is a great resource to aid with this and can be accessed from home.

If you can spare any time to help out in class throughout the year, whether it is to hear readers or assist with art lessons, please let me know. If you have any questions or concerns at all please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Duffy