



## Welcome to Maple Class

Autumn 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Maple class after the summer break. I hope you had a fantastic holiday! I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of this exciting year. There will be a lot going on this term and this letter outlines some of the things that will be happening in Maple Class.

This term we will be following a range of mini topics. Our first topic will be based on the story of 'The Windmill Farmer'. Within this, we will be looking at using adjectives in paragraphs, creating windmill artwork and much more! Further curriculum information will follow later. Maths lessons will be taught discreetly, though will link to the topic where appropriate. Literacy will be woven in amongst whatever the focus of the topic might be.

Our parent information session is on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** from 2.30 - 2.50pm. During this meeting I will be able to get to know you, explain more about our routines in Maple Class and answer any questions you have. If you are unable to attend or have any questions before this date please do make an appointment to see me, or catch me after school, informally, at 3pm each day. Wednesday is the best day to pop in and see the classroom and take a look at your child's work.

Please ensure PE bags are in school. I will send PE bags home every half term. Every child needs to have trainers and wellies in school for outside play.

### Assembly

Our class assembly this term will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am. Please join us if you can.

### Reading

Your child will have a 'Home/School Diary' in which you can find notes about their reading, comments and letters. The children will participate in a guided reading group ('Book Club') every week. It is *really* important that you continue to read with your children as much as possible! 5 - 10 minutes a day will be very valuable. Our library time will be on a Monday and a Tuesday so please ensure that your child brings in their books to be changed. Inside your child's home school diary will be a note to inform you of the day they will attend the library.

### Targets

The children will have a target book to take home once new targets have been set. These targets will be taken directly from the Year Two curriculum expectations and will be reviewed every half term or sooner if this is appropriate. Please support your child with these targets, as it really helps to reinforce what they learn in school!

### Spellings

Phonics sessions will continue on a daily basis, where the children will be practising sounds and tricky words. The children will take part in handwriting practice every Monday where they will

practise writing the Year 2 spelling words. The children will also have a new set of 'non-negotiable words' to practise: because, were, where, very, really. These are the high frequency words we expect all our Year 2 children to always read and spell correctly.

### Maths

We will soon be starting our Maths Matters Challenges. Please ensure their Maths Matters books 'live' in the book bags and support your child in working towards these challenges every week. These quick mental maths skills are vital in supporting all other areas of maths.

### Homework

Our expectation is that you will work at home with your child: reading, working on targets and supporting Maths Matters. In addition to this I will set occasional homework to support our topic learning.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or queries, your support and comments are greatly appreciated. Wednesdays from 3-3:15 is our 'free' time for you to pop into the classroom. We are very much looking forward to the Autumn Term as Marvellous Maples!

Very best wishes

Miss Ashton