



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are ready for another exciting term. As the weather warms up, please ensure your child has sun cream and a hat when appropriate. This will be a busy term, and this letter outlines some of the things that will be happening in Maple Class.

For the first half term, P.E will be **outside** on a **Thursday** and **Friday**. All children should have their full PE kit in school all week. Please ensure all items are named in case things get muddled up. All PE kits will be sent home at half term. Long hair should always be tied back. Small, plain stud earrings may be worn, but please ensure they are removed for PE days. Every child needs to have trainers and wellies in school for outside play please. Additionally, all children need to have a named water bottle in school. They can fill this up from the tap in Maple Class.

Swimming will begin later in the term (more information about this to follow).

SATs

The Year 2 Statutory Assessments will be taking place this half term. Maple Class will sit these reading and maths assessments throughout May. I will ensure the children feel calm and relaxed, have the appropriate amount of time and have fun and exciting learning opportunities around the assessments. Although statutory, rest assured that the assessments will be carried out in an age appropriate way in the classroom, aligning with normal classroom practice. Please feel free to speak to me if you have any other questions.

Reading

The children will continue to participate in a guided reading group ('Book Club') every week. It is *really* important that you continue to read with your child as much as possible! 5-10 minutes a day will be very valuable. Please record any reading in your child's 'Home/School Diary'. Our library time will continue to be on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday** so please ensure that your child brings in their books to be changed.

Targets

I will be setting new targets this week. These targets are taken directly from the Year Two curriculum expectations and will continue to be reviewed every half term or sooner if this is appropriate. Please support your child with these targets at home; working on them **once a week** would be beneficial as it really helps to reinforce what they learn in school.

Maths

We will continue our Maths Matters Challenges this term. 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. Please do not worry if your child has not started Maths Matters, I will introduce it to them when I feel they are ready.

This half term our topic will be based around Traditional Tales. In the next half term, we will be focussing our topic on Mexico. We're sure this term will be both an exciting and enjoyable one for all of us.

We hope that you will enjoy working at home with your child: reading, working on targets and supporting Maths Matters. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to talk to me on the playground if you have any questions or queries. We are very much looking forward to the Summer Term as Marvellous Maples!

Very best wishes
Mrs Reynolds & Miss Clements