



## **CLASS 3 – Maple Class**



### **Newsletter – Summer 1**

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are now into the final third of the school year. At the end of last term, we said a sad goodbye to Miss Denton, who was a valuable member of our year 3 family. Miss Long continues to be with us and we are pleased to report that Mrs Nash will be returning to us part-time. The school has a new member of staff, a Mr Luke Sellers, who will be supporting us in some lessons.

For the whole of the summer term, our main theme is The Rainforest. This is a fantastic topic with so many learning opportunities and we will be linking our English, Art, DT, Geography and Science to this. We are also busy planning an exciting trip that links with The Rainforest, expect to receive details about this over the next few weeks.

Our main text in English will be 'The Explorer' by Katharine Rundell. We have managed to source some copies of this book but if you have a copy at home or if you would be willing to buy one for your child, we would be very grateful. It would be lovely if we could have enough copies for each child.

In Maths, we'll explore length and perimeter and fractions of amounts. We are also going to be trying to learn our times tables (2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, 10x). Many of the children can count in multiples of these numbers, but quick recall of tables is the next stage. There are free online games that are really good at supporting this, the best one being 'Hit the Button.' Please encourage your child to use these resources as well as firing times tables questions at them at any opportunity!

Our Science lessons will be focusing on plants and their lifecycles. There will be exciting hands-on activities in the classroom and around the school grounds to support learning. The attached topic web provides details of our themes for all curriculum areas.

Now that the swimming lessons are finished, the children will have two PE lessons in school. Weather permitting, these lessons will be outside and on the field. Please make sure that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, your child comes to school in a PE kit with trainers, with a sunhat (on sunny days) and a water bottle.

We are continuing to set homework tasks on Edshed on a Friday. This will consist of spelling practice and maths activities relating to our weekly maths focus. Please encourage your child to login in and practice their skills. We have also created an optional homework grid for those of you that wish to work on some more creative tasks with your child. You can access this on the link on the website below the newsletter.

As with previous terms, we promote a love of independent reading for pleasure. Please make reading a regular and enjoyable part of your child's routine by listening to them read and reading with them several times a week. It has recently been agreed that children are allowed to borrow three books at a time from the school library. We will encourage the children to bring any library books home to share with you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.  
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# Summer Term I

## Science

The life cycle of plants

## English

Class texts:  
The Shaman's Apprentice  
by Lynne Cherry  
The Explorer by Katharine Rundell  
recipe writing, sensory poems,  
commas for lists, commas to mark  
clauses, verbs, adjectives.

## Maths

Length and perimeter  
Times tables  
Fractions of amounts

## RE

Does Jesus have authority over  
everyone?  
Morality - The Ten Commandments

## PE

Athletics  
Rounders

## Art/DT

Rainforest Art  
'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'  
by Henri Rousseau

## PSHE

Keeping safe out and about:  
sun safety  
road and railway safety  
water safety

## Humanities

Rainforests

## Music

Charanga Scheme:  
DISCO style  
Bringing us together

## Computing

Data and information  
- branching databases