



CLASS 3 – The Maple Class

Newsletter – Autumn 1



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to a new and exciting year at Weston Turville School. We hope you are all well and that you managed to have a relaxing summer break. We are really looking forward to the term ahead. The classroom is all ready and we have some very exciting things planned.

Moving into a new year, a new block, and meeting new teachers can feel overwhelming. We fully understand the challenges that come with these transitions, and we want to assure you that we will be working hard to ensure this period is as smooth and supportive as possible.

Mrs Rossiter will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Dickinson will be teaching on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays. We are fortunate to both be in school on a Wednesday morning to plan and monitor learning. We also have Mrs Nash, Miss Grella, Miss Long and Mrs Ardley in the block at various points during the week to support the children.

Our main topic this term will be the **Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age**, where the children will learn about the significant changes that occurred in Britain throughout these periods. We will be linking most of our English work and all of our Art work to this topic. The attached topic web will provide you with more detail about our learning in all subjects.

Homework will be set on Edshed on a Friday. This will consist of spelling practice and maths activities relating to our weekly maths focus. We will also provide optional creative activities that your child can choose to do if they wish. Homework will be set on Edshed starting on Friday 11th September. Your child's Edshed login will be attached to the optional homework grid and will be sent home next week.

We are having a real focus on reading for pleasure. We have restocked our bookshelf and have created a reading corner displaying recommended reading books to read in Class 3. Each child has chosen a book to read during our afternoon quiet reading slot. They will also have the opportunity to borrow books from the school library. Reading for pleasure is incredibly important for your child's development. It not only enhances their vocabulary and comprehension skills, but also sparks imagination and fosters creativity. Encouraging a love of reading helps improve focus, boosts confidence, and supports overall academic success. 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.

Year 3 will have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. They should wear their normal school shoes and bring their trainers in a separate bag to change into for PE. PE kits should consist of their 'House' colour t-shirt with black or navy shorts or joggers/leggings and trainers. As the weather gets colder, they should wear their school jumper or cardigan or a plain navy hoodie/sweatshirt. **Please note that we will not be having a PE session tomorrow - Wednesday 2nd September, so your child should come to school wearing their school uniform.**

We look forward to teaching your child. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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