

# Maple Newsletter Summer Term 1 2023-24



# Dates for your Diary:

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Half Term

Monday 27th May -

Friday 31st May

General Class News:

It's lovely to see the weather improving, allowing us more time to outside to use the wonderful spaces we have available.

We will be continuing our visits to Overstrand General Stores and then we will begin to travel to Morrisons in Cromer to buy the ingredients for our weekly Food Tech lessons.

We will also begin thinking about and planning our performance for Strandfest later in the summer!

## Maths

In maths this half term we will be developing our skills and knowledge in the following areas:



Fractions, time, position and direction. As always we will continue our progression in numeracy work and improving our skill at operations.



# English

In English we will be continuing to read our current book "Malamander" and learn more about the eerie goings-on in a strangely familiar seaside town...

https://eerie-on-sea.com/about-the-books/malamander/

### RSHE

This term we look at sexual activity, talking about consent and rejection, why some sexual activity is illegal and looking at marriage and secure relationships. We will also discuss self respect, personal safety and contraception.

#### Science

This half term we will be continuing with our work on living things, mainly focussing on animals, but also other living organisms. We will be investigating how living things have changed over the years and how those adaptations have helped them to survive. The students will take part in various practical experiments themed around this topic.

PE



In the first half term, Maple class will be practising their Athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. They will learn to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing as well as developing balance, agility and coordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities. Maple class will also be trying out some footgolf.

#### Other subjects:

Art: The theme in art for the first half of the term is "Pirates and Parrots". The class will be using a variety of Junk modelling and collage techniques. For the second half of the



term the focus will be beach findings including shell printing, driftwood and pebbles, studying patterns in their natural forms and spirals.

Food Tech: In the first half term students will be cooking recipes using a variety of different pulses and beans as well as learning something about their origins. After half term they will learn how to make a selection of different salads and dressings, perfect for healthy summer lunches.

#### Other useful information

PE days are still Thursdays and Fridays—please remember to bring your PE kit in for those days.

As the weather (hopefully) improves, can pupils please wear sunscreen to school when appropriate, and bring in a hat or cap.

Water bottles and snacks can be brought in every day as usual.

