



# MAPLE Newsletter 2024-25

## Spring Term 2



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

**World Book Day – 6th March**



**Cross Country Competition –**  
selected pupils – 20th March

**Red Nose Day – 21st March**

**Last day of term – 4th April**  
students finish at 1.30pm

**First day of Summer term –**  
Wednesday 23rd April

### General Class News:

Maple class are eagerly looking out for signs of Spring, as the weather hasn't been too kind recently!

We are eager to continue our bird surveys and start taking a look at how the plants and trees are recovering from the Winter months, as well as seeing what animals we can discover coming out of hibernation.



We also have the excitement of the School Talent Show that will happen towards the end of the Spring Term.

### Maths

The focus in mathematics for this half term will be geometry and 3D shapes including measuring, before moving on to looking at time and duration. The class will be using the online IXL program for looking at progress and assessment.



<https://uk.ixl.com/>

### English

In literacy we will be continuing to work towards our Entry level qualifications by practicing comprehension exercises as well as working on core literacy skills. We will also be reading some short poems and practicing our rhyming skills by concocting our literary creations!

## RSHE

Becoming a teenager. What makes someone attractive? Do we all find the same things attractive? How do I show someone I like them? What is a girlfriend/boyfriend? Do I have to have a gf/bf? How do I know I am ready? How can I ...?

## Science

This half term the students will finish their work on the different seasons and then we will begin to learn about the Earth, Moon and



Sun. We will investigate how the seasons, as well as day and night, are related to these. The students

will then learn more about the other planets in our galaxy, as well as the other objects which can be found deeper into space.



## PE

In PE this term students will learn the basic skills of racket sports which include Tennis and Badminton. They will improve their hand-eye coordination and will look to use gross motor skills to achieve success in hitting the object consistently in the air and work to creating a rally with a partner.



## Other subjects:

**Art**—Investigating Stone age art, looking at cave paintings, and handprints, working with the mediums of chalk and charcoal.

**Music**— This half term we will be listening to the Music of the Stage. It will be an auditory deep dive into the world of Musicals and Opera.

**RE**—Investigating Buddhism, understanding an practicing meditation, looking at religious artefacts.

## Useful information

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Can pupils please have kit ready for PE on Wednesdays and Fridays, and bring a suitable container in for Food Technology on a Thursday.

Thank you!

