

Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2024

Maple Tree Class

Welcome back and a happy new year!

I hope you have had a good break and that your children are rested and ready for the start of a busy term.

It's the shortest term in the school year, but there is a lot to fit in along with our final visit to Ufton Court.

Please continue to support your child's learning by ensuring they are reading a chapter book every day.

If you have any questions, please grab me at the end of the day or I am always available for longer appointments to discuss your child.

Mr. Lancaster



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Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

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| Tuesday January 9th | School starts for all children from 8:45am | Wednesday January 17th | Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping my child with Reading (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) |
| Fridays January 19th & 26th February 2nd & 9th | Family Coaching Service: Managing Anger Workshops 4 week course 9:00-10:30am <small>Limited places - link to Follow for sign up</small> | Thursday January 25th | Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Supporting learning music at home |
| Wednesday January 31st | Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping your child with Arithmetic (for Year 1, 2 & 3) | Thursday February 1st | Hackney Schools Choir performance at Hackney Church - Times to follow. |
| Wednesday February 7th | Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am SaLT Support (Speech and Language team) Language focus with Katherine | Friday February 9th | Last day of Spring Term Part 1 - Half term break ends for all children at 3:30pm. |
| Tuesday February 20th | Spring term part 2 starts for all children from 8:45am. | Wednesday February 21st | Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping your child with Arithmetic (for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) |
| Wednesday - Friday February 28th - March 1st | Final Ufton Court trip (3) for Year 4 children. Depart 8:00am 28/2/24 | Wednesday March 6th | Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping at home with spelling (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) |
| Thursday March 7th | World Book Day More information to follow | Tuesday & Wednesday March 19th & 20th | Children's Progress Meetings for Parents. |
| Wednesday March 27th | Coffee Morning for parents and carers Year 6 assessment information session 8:45am in person and 5:00pm online | Thursday March 28th | Spring term ends - school finishes at 1:45pm. (No clubs or after school care) |

Writing

In Writing, we're going to start off by looking at the Greek myth of The Minotaur as part of study of Ancient Athens where the children will use poetry to retell the story. Children are often scared of poetry but frequently amaze me with what they can produce! We will further explore our history topic by writing a recount of a trip to the early Olympic Games.

RE

Our Big Question this term is "How do Hindus worship?" It's an important part of the RE curriculum to learn about other religions and in this unit we will be looking at the history of the religion, how Hindus worship at home and the importance of pilgrimage.

Computing

In Computing, we will be exploring Scratch programming to create simple games and interactive quizzes. Scratch coding is a great way for the children to develop their algorithmic reasoning (and it's a lot of fun!)

PE days

PE this term is swimming on Wednesdays. Please ensure children come to school in the their PE kit to aid quick changing for swimming.

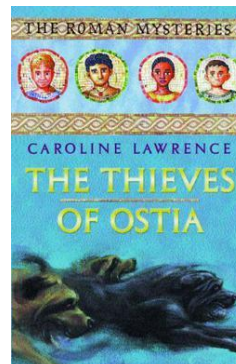
Reading

In Reading, we will finish off Michael Morpurgo's classic, "The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips" which the children have been really enjoying. We will then be moving onto a non-fiction text called "The Story of Afro Hair".



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*This half term in
Year 4 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*



Our class readers this half term is...

Maths

In Maths, we are continuing to look at patterns and reasoning based on multiplication and division. As always, a solid understanding of times tables will really help the children here, so please continue to support their learning with TT Rock Stars at home.

History / Geography

This Spring, our unit is based on 'The Rule of the People'. We will become historians and geographers by using a range of primary and secondary sources to ask questions about the start of democracy in Ancient Greece to the streets of Rome. We will be understanding how timelines work by creating our own and labelling key events. Then, we will compare the democracy in Ancient Greece and Rome with our current democracy.

Science - we will start our Science block in Spring 2.