

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you had wonderfully, relaxing break with your children. We are very excited to see them back.

This term's topic is Heaven and Earth, during this we will be leaning about Ancient Greece, Earth and Space, and Volcanoes.

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays and we will also be continuing with our '10 minute run' initiative. Indoor PE will be focusing on fitness and dance, outdoor PE will be focusing on OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) and Tennis. Therefore, the children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits (please ensure they are clearly labelled!). Maple have two remaining swimming lessons on Friday 7th January and Friday 1th January. Please make sure that children have a full swimming kit on these days.

Year 5 are lucky enough to be starting Woodland sessions this term, with Mrs Satchwell. The sessions will begin on Tuesday 18th and will continue every other week. Please remember to provide your child with old, warm, waterproof clothes and a suitable pair of footwear (wellies are great!) on these days.

Home learning expectations:

Subject	Expectations
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Five reads per week. Please encourage your child to record any interesting words in their reading journal and discuss them with you. Reading journals will be checked every Friday and raffle tickets awarded to those children who have completed their reading. Please be aware that children are expected to read at home, it is their responsibility to ensure you sign their reading journal. We understand that very occasionally it may not be possible to read five times during a week, therefore should you have any problems, please do send in a signed note or have a quick chat with one of us at the classroom door.
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A fortnightly English activity. It could be a reading based activity, spellings, writing, grammar, punctuation, etc. It will link to what we are currently focusing on in English during that week.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A fortnightly maths activity/challenge. This is also linked to whatever we have been learning about in school.Please continue to practise times tables and division facts. We have a Thursday timestable challenge each week and both classes will be desperate to win 'Times Table Ted'!Don't forget to use Times Table Rock star to help you learn your tables. https://trockstars.com/

Updates and reminders:

- Termly we will have a year group 'Sharing our talents' assembly, this will provide the children with the opportunity to share any achievements from outside of school. We will inform children when this is, please encourage your child to bring in or talk about anything that they have achieved outside school.
- The school day starts at 8.35 am (gates will open at 8.30 am and shut at 8.45 am) and ends at 3.15 pm (gates will open at 3.05 pm and close at 3:25 pm).
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If you have any questions or concerns please email us.

Many thanks

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Year 5 teachers