



Nursery and Reception/Year 1 Summer Term 2021

'Let's Investigate'

Personal Social and Emotional Development

As part of our ongoing Personal, Social and Emotional Development learning, we will continue to think about feelings and behaviour and how this can impact positively on our learning. We love to celebrate our learning behaviours in different ways. In Maples and Willows we talk about these ways of learning as if they were dinosaurs! Our 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' Achievosaurus are Tryatops, Thinkodocus, Stickosaurus, Explorosaur, Askaraptor, Solveosaurus Rex and Shareonyx. This term we will be focusing on how to become a terrific Thinkodocus, a sensational Stickosaurus or an astounding Askaraptor.

Year 1 children will be taught this as Relationships and Health Education (RHE) focusing on Changing and Growing.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Communication and language development includes the ability to listen, understand and communicate.

All children in Maple and Willow will have lots of speaking and listening opportunities, during carpet time and in our wider activities. We will use language such as 'I wonder...' to encourage vocabulary and questioning skills.

LITERACY

In reading, Maple and Willow will continue to build their reading skills through phonics and whole class reading, supporting their independence in reading sentences and increasingly complex words. We will explore re-telling stories using story language and learn all about the features of a postcard, using the books 'Meerak Mail', 'The Jolly Postman' and 'Wish You Were Here'. In writing, we will make our own information books and write lists for experiments. We will continue to encourage children to write for a purpose by writing lists, posters, cards, invitations, signs and stories while applying their phonic knowledge in their independent activities. We will also continue to develop our love of reading as we share our favourite stories and tales and continue to build our own story telling skills.

Our Year 1 children will be writing with a specific purpose of informing and explaining this half term and learning how to express their ideas as facts. We will continue to embed all of our sentence writing skills as we create lots of writing opportunities within the EYFS unit and post our letters, postcards and invitations in our Post Office role play area.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

To help your children to develop their moving and handling skills, we will be using learning opportunities that enable them to practise large muscle movements and use tools and equipment to develop fine motor control.

In PE, Maple and Willow will be practising their hand/eye co-ordination to help develop their spatial awareness. The children will enjoy these learning opportunities on the field with Mr Coupe.

MATHS

To continue to develop marvellous mathematical brains, the children will be exploring how to add and subtract two single-digit numbers, using hooks such as the Number Blocks and songs and rhymes. They will develop strategies such as how to count on or back to find the answer. We will solve real life problems, including doubling, halving and sharing and using our knowledge of measure when recording our experiments. In Shape, Space and Measure we will investigate measures using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.

Our Year 1 children will be exploring the concept of multiplication and division this half term. Repeated addition will be used to help your children to think about multiplication as they add objects that are grouped in 2's, 5's and 10's. To practise division, your children will explore sharing objects equally between groups using their knowledge of 2's, 5's and 10's to calculate their answers.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This term, our RE learning will focus on the question 'Who made the World?' As part of this, the children will learn the Creation story that Christians believe and reflect on the importance of the Christian belief of God as the Creator of everything.

As Historians, Year 1 children will continue to develop a sense of change over time to help them to differentiate between the past and present. This half term we will be focusing on the lives of significant individuals, focusing on Neil Armstron, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake.

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

This term we will have lots of role play opportunities as we discover what it's like to be a Scientist, discovering more about the world. The children will also explore different art mediums for creating artwork and enjoying songs and rhymes to express their creative ideas. We will be revisiting the Russian artist Kandinsky and recreating his artwork based on Sunflowers.