

Celebrating Maple class!



Term:

Spring 2



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

This spring half term, we will be continuing our exciting focus on Antarctica. Last term, maple class enjoyed a fantastic ice-skating visit to the Eden Project, which really brought our learning to life. We are also planning more external visits and increasing opportunities for outdoor learning, giving the children plenty of hands-on, enriching experiences both in school and beyond.

Outdoor learning



Maple Class has been making excellent use of our new outdoor learning space during the dry spells. By integrating our curriculum with the natural environment, the class are staying highly engaged - most recently by creating bird feeders for our upcoming **Bird Watch Week**.



Our lessons

Geography - We have been exploring Antarctica and linking our learning to our topic book, *The Arctic Fox*. We discovered just how cold it is there, with temperatures dropping to around -60°C — brrrr!

Maths - Maple class have been developing their skills in addition and subtraction. We have also been exploring money, including counting amounts and identifying the different coins and notes applying this to real life scenarios.

PSHE - our focus has been on looking after our bodies and identifying what helps to keep us healthy. We explored the importance of taking part in activities they enjoy and how this supports our wellbeing.

Independence - During our independence sessions, we have been learning about ways to keep ourselves safe both at home and when out and about, with a particular focus on staying safe online. Pupils have discussed the importance of not sharing personal details with people they do not know.

Communication

We have been continuing to enhance communication opportunities by developing our use of Makaton in class and choir sessions, alongside increased interaction and engagement during break and lunchtime.



Community involvement

We thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic performance of *Snow White* by M&M Productions, where everyone demonstrated excellent focus and joined in the singing. Other highlights included tabletop cricket and a visit to the local library. We also hosted an insightful assembly on the importance of bee conservation. Furthermore, we were proud to have some of our pupils participate in filming with 'Action for Children.'



Wow moments: We have been so impressed by the artistic flair shown by maple class. Over the term, they have been exploring different printing techniques, experimenting with colours and patterns. Their finished pictures have been amazing, showing creativity, and a real sense of pride in their work.



Reminders!



Upcoming events!

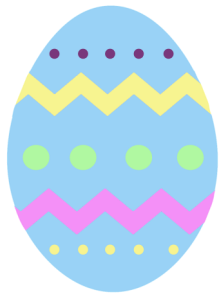
- Penrice farm visit
- Easter church visit
- Doubletrees Spring Show
- Kixx Football sessions



Maple class team..

Maple Class is led by our teacher, Lucy, and supported by teaching assistants Cassy, Steph and Kate, along with our midday supervisor, June. Phil also works with Maple Class, covering Lucy's PPA time during the week. You may see our names appear in the home-school diary from time to time.

Next steps in our learning...



This half term, we will continue to promote independence in our class by exploring simple recipes that pupils can make themselves, as well as getting creative in preparation for our upcoming Spring Show. Maple Class are already superstars at collecting their snacks, tidying up, and looking after our classroom, and we will be building on these skills even further. There are lots of exciting events happening this term, so please keep checking the home communication books for letters and updates about these wonderful opportunities.

Don't forget...

- **PE** takes place on Tuesday afternoons - please ensure your child brings a PE kit.
- **Swimming** is on Mondays - please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school on this day.
- **Outdoor learning and break times** - as the weather can change, please ensure your child has a coat in school.
- **Snacks** - please provide your child with a small, healthy snack each day.
- **Home-school communication books** - please check these daily for updates or reminders. If you could initial them to show you've seen the message, we'd really appreciate it. Thank you!



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