

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Maple Class!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a relaxing summer holiday and can't wait to see new members of Maple Class this week. Our topic this term is 'More about Martley' and we look forward to starting this very soon. Please keep an eye on our Class Dojo page for updates!

Maple Class Staff

I am delighted to introduce myself (Mrs Nelms) and the Key Stage 1 team.

I will be teaching Maple Class from **Monday-Friday**.

Mrs Smith will be teaching the class on **Thursday mornings**.

Our fantastic teaching assistants will be Mrs Trish Garness (**Mrs G**) and Ms Reeves will be with the class **every morning**. Mrs Smyrska will be with the class in the afternoons.

Mornings

Children can arrive in school from **8.45-9am** via the classroom door where Mrs G will greet them and I will be inside the classroom settling the children as they arrive.

Please arrive promptly as we go straight into our morning routine of lessons as soon as we have completed the register.

Home Time

Our home time is **3.15pm** and Maple Class are dismissed from the classroom door by an adult every day. Please stand in clear sight of the classroom door on the field and do let us know in through phoning the school office if an adult not on your child's home time permission form will be collecting.

If you are running late and arrive after 3.20pm, please go to the front entrance (main school office) to pick up your child as they will be waiting in the hall with an adult. Children attending After School Club will be accompanied by an adult to Pre-School. We do our best to make sure the children have all of their belongings with them at home time but if your child has forgotten something very important please take them to Mrs Lewis and Miss Owen at the school office and she will let them back in to school. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to come back in through the main classroom door once they have been dismissed.

What to Bring to School

- Named book bag
- Named water bottle - water only please, no juice or squash to prevent sticky carpets!
- Named coat - we always aim to get outside at break time wherever possible so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day
- Named lunch box. If your child is having hot dinners please remember that these need to be ordered in advance using ParentPay
- Healthy snack. This is optional as we also have fruit available every day. Please also name any snack tubs as we do acquire a lot of Tupperware by the end of the year!

Reading

Phonics will continue to be taught discretely every morning. The children will continue working on various sound groups as well as learning new spelling patterns and the meaning and spelling of common homophones. Reading will be taught during whole class shared reading lessons, and also on an individual basis when children read to an adult in the class.

As recommended in the DFE's Reading Framework 2023, re-reading books is essential to build fluency. Please read with your child daily and encourage them to talk about the books that they have read. This has a huge impact on their enthusiasm for reading as well as their development in all subjects. You can log your child's reading in their school reading record (this comes to school and goes home with them every day).

To foster independence, we ask the children to hand their reading book in to Mrs G when they arrive at school in the morning if it needs changing. Mrs G will then check the reading record comments have been completed and swap it for a new book. We give lots of reminders in class, but if a book hasn't been changed, please just give your child a gentle reminder to hand it in.

PE

Maple Class PE days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays for this half term**. Please send your child to school in their full PE kit including a plain dark coloured tracksuit if it is cooler. They will not need to bring any other uniform with them.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo will continue to be used as a communication platform and behaviour system across the school; the rewards are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages and letters, including Class Story to find out what we have been up to in class.

Best Wishes,

*Mrs Hannah Nelms, Mrs Sophie Smith, Ms Kim and Mrs Trish
Garness*