

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I hope you all managed to find the Spring Term overviews on the class pages of the website that were shared with you last week; these give you a brief account of what the classes are learning about this term across the curriculum. This week, staff have uploaded the knowledge organisers for this term for some subjects - most will have for geography, history and science, though you may find additional subjects on some pages too.

The purpose of a knowledge organiser is to identify the key learning that the pupils will require in order to support their learning in a succinct way - these may be key facts or dates presented in a visual way so as not to overload them with additional information. The ones on our website - which can be found following the link from the class pages as seen below - are a condensed version of what we provide the children as on the reverse of the sheets they are given in school, there are quick quizzes. These are used at the beginning of a unit and again at the end to assess the understanding of the children and the learning that has taken place. This is really helpful to determine the further knowledge and understanding that is required.

The main element of a knowledge organiser is the list of key words so that the children can use and understand

subject specific vocabulary. Talking about what they are learning is a really powerful way of encouraging them to remember as it reinforces key facts so please do take the time to dig deep with your children about what they have been learning at school.

The week before half term we have our Parents' Evenings - these will be an opportunity to share with you how your child is doing and the progress they are making. We look forward to discussing your child's learning with you then.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

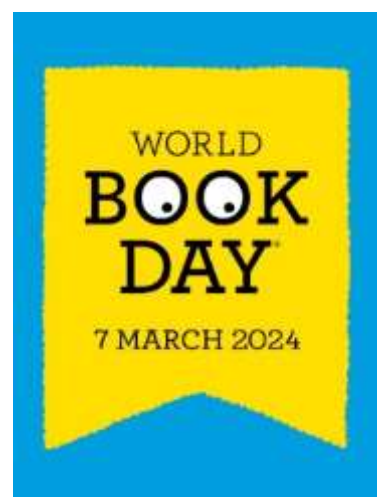


World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

We love to celebrate World Book Day here at Maple Tree and this year will be no different. We would like to invite children to dress up again this year as their favourite book character—remember, there are many characters that won't require you to make or buy anything new!



Photo competition – I would like to challenge the children to take a photo reading their books in lots of different places/positions. The best photo will win a £10 book voucher. Send all entries to teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com by **Friday 1st March**.



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Modern Foreign Languages at Maple Tree

The teaching and learning of Modern Foreign Languages at Maple Tree is ambitious and designed to give children the basic knowledge they need to move onto secondary school. At MTPS we focus on French, but within different classes teachers may ask children to answer the register in a variety of language. At this time, children in key stage 2 learn French. All children begin each year with a refresher in basic pronunciation and commands, for instance, 'regardez' and 'levez-vous'.

French in Year 3—

here the children begin to get to grips with a new way of communicating. They learn how to count, colours and say simple greetings to one another.



Year 5 learn how to identify items in their classroom. They begin to write simple words and phrases in French.

In **Year 4** the children learn how to name animals in French, as well as simple words and phrases for members of their family.



In **Year 6** children learn how to say French words and phrases associated with the weather. They then write a report and present to their class in French.

They use words and phrases to describe weather, for instance, 'Il fait chaud' and 'Il y a du soleil'.

At Maple Tree we use a programme of learning from Language Angels. Within the learning, we also learn about other subjects—the Romans for example. We also learn about the cultural aspects of life in France—the food and the geography of France.



Free School Clubs!

Does your child/ren fancy trying a club at school?

Are you in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding?

If so, did you know that your child/ren are entitled to take part in our school run clubs at no charge. If this is something that you would like to take up please speak to the office about spaces.

Should you have any further questions please see Mrs Vickery-Cox.



Poplar Class Year 4



English

This term we will start by exploring an adventure story with a focus on self-determination and unexpected friendship. (The Journey) The children will be writing their own adventure story.

After February half term we will be creating our own explanation text inspired by Gut Garden: A journey into the wonderful world of your microbiome by Katie Brosnan, being introduced to a variety of microbiomes.

Maths

We started the term by continuing to look at multiplying and dividing, multiplying up to 3 digits by 1 digit and short division. We will then spend two weeks on length and perimeter before we move onto our longest block of learning about fractions (using manipulatives to help understanding.) After consolidation of this, we will introduce decimals for the remainder of Spring.

$$\begin{array}{r} 172 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 860 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$172 \times 5 = 860$

Art and Design and Technology

In Art, the children are excited to be using their skills to explore the work of artists who create sculpture inspired by food. They will then make their own sculpture of food that they like, and collaborate to create a communal picnic and display the work made through the half term. Watch out for information regarding a drop in to admire the children's work after half-term.



In Design and Technology, pupils will be adapting a recipe using their cooking skills and their knowledge of nutrition.

Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... ..being a great learner!



Fir: ★ Jacob	Yew: ★ Daniel	Aspen: Tom ★
Rowan: Dexter	Poplar: Ronnie	Juniper: Lottie ★
Sycamore: ★ Lottie S	Elder: Alfie ★	Well done to you all!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 8th February 2.30pm Parent Forum
 Friday 9th February FoMT Non-uniform day
 Tuesday 13th February Parents' Evening 4-6pm
 Thursday 15th February Parents' Evening 4-7pm
 Friday 16th February Half term ends
 Monday 19th February Half Term week
 Thursday 7th March World Book Day
 Friday 8th March FoMT Mother's day gift shop
 Thursday 21st March 2.30pm Parent Forum
 Thursday 28th March 9.10am Reception and KS1 Easter assembly - parents welcome
 Thursday 28th March FoMT Easter activity afterschool
 Friday 29th March Easter holiday begins

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 15th January 2024

The best attendance award is presented to:
Rowan and Poplar class!

Mulberries 92%	Fir (YR) 92%
Yew (Y1) 96%	Aspen (Y2) 95%
Rowan (Y3) 97%	Poplar (Y4) 97%
Juniper (Y5) 94%	Elder (Y6) 93%
Sycamore (Y6) 94% ★	Our target is 97%



Love Yourself Day

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

We think you're fantastic as you are,
come to school in what you love!

NON UNIFORM DAY

£1 DONATION

Sweet cones and milkshake cones will be
available to buy at the end of the day from
the playground and the hall.

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