

Maple Class Celebration Newsletter

We had a special visit from the famous children's author, Michael Morpurgo. He read us a beautiful story.



We created our own comic book as a class. We decorated them using watercolours.



We celebrated Christmas advent by making our Christingles in class.



In science we used our knowledge of magnets and magnetic materials to build our own magnetic games to play with.

Value Award Winners:

Everybody has tried so hard this term! I wish I could give value awards to everybody. However congratulations to these children who have been awarded them this term:

Sequoia

Oliver

Esther

Victor

Bella

William

Reminders:

- PE days are Monday and Tuesday - please may children come in wearing appropriate PE kits.
- Please can children regularly be using Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed
- Spellings and Times tables will be tested on a Friday
- Could contact books be in school every day please.
- Remember to check Class Dojo for updates and pictures of what we have been up to.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to get to know everyone even more this term. It started off slightly turbulent with illness, but ended beautifully by celebrating Christmas together. The children have made such amazing progress this term and that was evident in their Reading and Maths paper scores. I would like to thank you all for your continued engagement at home and wish you a very merry Christmas!

This term we have been:

In English we have been learning through the story 'The Street Beneath My Feet'. We started the term looking at and understanding the features of an information text. We have been focussing on applying our scientific knowledge of rocks, fossils and soil that we learnt last term to deepen our learning of vocabulary and enrich our information texts. We have continued to work on descriptive language features such as adjectives, expanded noun phrases, similes, fronted adverbials and alliteration. We applied these in our information texts. We then moved onto looking at the comic book 'UG!' and used this to inspire us to write our own class comic book. This allowed us to use speech bubbles, exclamation phrases, pronouns and questions.

In Maths we began the term by continuing on with addition and subtraction. We consolidated our use of column method to work out large sums. For our second block we thought about multiplication and division. We began by recapping our 2's, 5's and 10 times tables and progressed onto our 3's, 4's and 8's. We learnt the two division techniques, sharing and grouping and worked on perfecting these. We ensured we had a secure knowledge of mathematical vocabulary.

In History our focus carried on from last term's Stone Age to Bronze and Iron Age. We discussed how bronze replaced stone, the smelting process, artefacts, Bronze Age houses and iron age art in our lessons. We loved learning about the transition of power in the ages.

Next term we are:

In Geography our focus will be 'The UK'. We will be thinking about countries and cities and learning about their human and physical characteristics.

Key vocabulary to learn:

Human, Physical, Country, Capital City.

In English we will be reading 'Oliver and the Seawigs'. We will be focusing on writing stories and using role play and inferencing of images to help us.

In Maths we will begin the term by continuing Multiplication and Division then move onto a new topic of Money and then statistics.

In RE our big question will be 'What is the Trinity?'