

### English

We have started off the year with a 'Welly Walk' to help us develop our descriptive writing. We will then look at a range of different text types from traditional stories and poetry to instructional leaflets. We will develop our use of punctuation and conjunctions in our writing. Planning and editing are key skills we develop - Think it, say it, write it, check it!

Phonics is a key element throughout the year, please keep up the spelling practise with your sound cards.

Reading books are independently chosen by the children depending on their interests. Guided reading groups are used to help encourage shared strategies and develop comprehension skills.

Volunteers to help hearing readers in the afternoon would be appreciated.

### Science

This term our focus is Animals (including humans) and their offspring. We will then be moving on to what animals need to survive and keep healthy. The latter part of the term we will be finding out about Forces, developing investigations to test push and pull.

We will also be starting our 'long term study' this term trying to answer the question:

'Are all deciduous trees in leaf for the same amount of time?'

We will keep a photo, weather and temperature log over the year.

### Computing

The children regularly have the chance to play games or use computers to support their learning. To ensure they stay safe online we will be starting with 'Let's be Safe' which is an ESafety unit. The second half of term unit will be 'Computers all around'. We will be learning how computers work and their uses around the modern home.



### Maple Class Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back to another school year.  
Feel free to catch up me with any queries or concerns. Kind regards, Mrs Price

### Health & Citizenship

Our first unit will focus on relationships in the classroom and the second will look at the value of money, just in time for Christmas.

### Music

We will be using Charanga, an online program with fun and interactive music. Our units for this term are 'Hands, feet, heart' and 'Babushka'

### Maths

In line with the Primary Framework we will be developing number and calculation strategies. Key building blocks for these are our number bonds up to 20. We will be beginning to learn these bonds as addition and subtractions, e.g.  $2 + 8 = 10$  &  $10 - 2 = 8$ . Children will learn each set in turn to support their number problems and larger calculations. Counting and times tables also play an important part and are revisited daily. Other areas covered will be fractions, measure (cm), 2D shape and telling time on clock faces.

### RE

Our themes this term will be:

'Thankfulness' - Celebrating Harvest  
'Journey's end' - Nativity journeys

### Creative Curriculum

Our theme this term is 'The Victorians'. We will initially be looking at who Queen Victoria was and some of the inventions which began to change life for the people of Britain. Towards the end of the unit we will look at evidence of the Victorian era within the Andover area.

### PE

Tuesday: Premier Sport will be leading units Jolly Olly Storyboard and Floorball. Other class PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon covering Team Games and Dance.