

### **Geography**

We are starting this term with the theme of 'Beside the Seaside'. Our focus within this unit will be to compare Vernham Dean and some coastal areas of Cornwall. We will be developing our atlas and map skills, recognising how we fit within the UK.

### **Science**

Following on from our Animals work in the Autumn term we have begun to look at animals and their habitats. We have been exploring what all living things have in common and will be using our school surroundings to investigate habitats. Later in the term we will be finding out about different materials, linking their properties to how they are suited to different purposes. This allows for some great questioning and hands on testing.

### **English**

We will be developing the use of punctuation and conjunctions in our writing, linking initially to the stories of Julia Donaldson in our Author study. We will also be reading new exciting texts as a stimulus for other forms of writing such as letters, stories and instructions.

Phonics continues to be a key element within the development of early reading and writing skills. If you would like any guidance as to ways you can support this at home, please feel free to ask.

### **History**

Our focus in the second half term will be 'What Was Life Like When Our Parents Were Little?' We will be exploring how things we take for granted have changed over the last 30 years. If anyone has any items the children may find interesting that would be great.



### **Maple Class Spring term 2017**

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

### **Computing**

The children regularly have the chance to play learning games to support their Maths and English. This term we will also be exploring Dazzle, a paint program and

### **Music**

We will be using Charanga, an online program with fun and interactive music. We will be learning about different styles of music, as well as begin to find out about wide array of different instruments.

### **RE**

Our themes this term will be:

**'Story telling' - Stories Jesus told.**  
We will be exploring what we can learn from stories and suggesting reasons why Jesus told them in the Bible.  
**'Welcoming' - Palm Sunday**  
We will be looking at how Jesus was welcomed in to Jerusalem in the lead up to the Easter story and how we welcome people in our own lives.

### **Maths**

In line with the Primary Framework we will be further developing number and calculation strategies. We will be exploring the inverse relationships between addition and subtraction, and likewise between multiplication and division. We will be building on the money and time skills from last term, help to read clocks and using coins at home is invaluable for these. We will also be encouraging the learning of 2x, 5x and 10x times tables, through counting on initially and then recall.

### **PE**

Premier Sport will be leading PE on a Tuesday with a focus on Hockey and Cricket. Other class PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon, building on other team games and gym skills.