

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to a brand new topic, in a brand new term, in a brand new year! We have lots of new and exciting things planned for the children in their new topic.

This term our topic is 'Transport.' Connected to our topic we are going to study famous people such as Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and also look at the first aeroplane flight. In DT we are going to look at the basics of bridge building and build a junk model bridge. We have many transport connected songs to learn and will use percussion instruments to accompany our singing. In Science lessons we will focus on forces - pushes and pulls, friction and direction.

Year 2 and **Year 1** children. We will continue to have our spelling session on a Monday afternoon this term. Your child will receive spellings on a Monday to learn with you throughout the week and be tested on them the following Monday. The spellings your child receives will be connected to their phonics for that week and occasionally topic based.

This term your children will go swimming on a Wednesday morning accompanied by Miss Gillies and Mrs Hyde. They will need to bring correct swimwear and a towel and could we please request that the girls do not wear earrings or tights on a Wednesday when they are swimming. Thank you for your support. The children will continue to have gymnastics with Miss Day on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a full kit - t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers. (don't forget to pop in an extra pair of socks for those girls wearing tights to school! And please remove your child's earrings on Tuesdays for PE too, thank you.)

Your child's named PE kit is required to stay in school and will be sent home at half term for washing.

Reception Parents, please could I remind you that your child needs a spare set of clothes, including underwear and socks, also to be kept at school in your child's locker. This always proves very useful, especially for those children keen to use the water tray, should they be unfortunate enough to fall over in the wet, muddy playground as well as those other 'inevitable' accidents.

Please could I ask for you to read our 'wish list' below for this terms topic work and if you are able to help out with any of the following items we would be very grateful ...

Any metal spanners, nuts and bolts, children's overalls, a 'warning' triangle for breakdown purposes, old number plates, old alloys and lots and lots of junk modelling materials for vehicle building and bridge building. Many thanks.

This terms home/school project is to build a model of a futuristic vehicle. What does your child think vehicles would be like in the future? What special features might they have? What special features would your child hope they have?! The date for their return to school is to be confirmed but will be just before the Easter holidays.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Rachel Baker

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Maple Class
Transport

English

Narrative / non narrative texts & structures
Poetry
Speaking and Listening / Drama
Reading skills
Spelling
Use of visual Literacy
Grammar

History

Christopher Columbus
Neil Armstrong

ICT

Computing activities to develop the children's skills, linked to topic and core subjects.
Early introduction to control technology:
Beebots and screen turtle

Mathematics

Number and place value
Addition and Subtraction
Money
Measures
Shape
Fractions
Doubling and halving

Art & Design

Painting
Collage
Fine line drawing
Clay work, sculpture
Study of famous artists

PSE

Fun Friends

Science

Forces and motion
Wheels, pushes and pulls

Physical Education

Swimming
Gymnastics

Design & Technology

Bridge design and building

Music

Exploring pulse and rhythm
Duration
Exploring sound from our environment
Pitch
Timbre, tempo, dynamics
Composition and representation

Religious Education

Hinduism
Holi festival
Krishna
Good vs Evil