

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Maple Class - SPRING TERM 2018

We are very much looking forward to an exciting term in Maple Class. Our unit of work is 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We are starting with creatures from a very special part of the world... the Amazon rainforest. We have planned a 'wow' start with the classroom being transformed into our very own rainforest. The children will begin a voyage of discovery and the first two days back in January will be creative days where the children will all contribute to the display with lots of lovely artwork. This will undoubtedly inspire the children's interest and enthusiasm for lots of research and creativity of their own. We would love the children to come to school on the first day back dressed as an animal from the rainforest, it does not need to be an expensive outfit, a simple mask made from a paper plate would be very appropriate.

We will be linking our Literacy texts to the rainforest, both fiction and non-fiction. We will be inviting you into our classroom to share our work and displays as we near the February half-term.

As the term progresses we will be studying animals from all parts of the world, including prehistoric times, with a strong link to work in Science. We will look at classification and characteristics of a range of different types of animals. This will also link to History. Additionally we will be learning about physical features of landscapes in Geography.

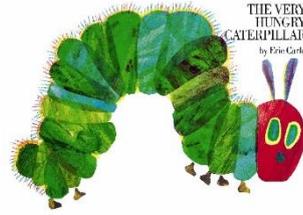
Year 1, 2 and reception will continue to work together on lots of creative projects in the afternoons. These will include creating dinosaurs with moving parts, painting dinosaurs and modelling from clay. We will also do a range of artwork linked to festivals and events. We are also looking forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year with the children.

Our work in Maths and phonics continues as normal. We will be continuing with phonics sessions every morning and we will be practising spellings in school which will link directly to our work in phonics. In Maths, we will be continuing our work on number and place value, incorporating addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, money, fractions and time.

As ever, we are always available if you have any queries relating to work in the classroom. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to lots more fun and hard work this term.



DAY 10



The children all worked so well on our first Day 10 project linked to our school values, and achieved some wonderful outcomes. At the recent Head Teacher's Conference, our Day 10 work was shared and highly praised, and this term we will be visited by a number of heads of local schools to see the Day 10 work in school.

This coming term we are all excited about our new Day 10 unit which we have called 'LOVING LITERACY'. We hope that the children will enjoy a range of creative activities linked to all aspects of Literacy, and that we will encourage

them to read more widely and write even more creatively. The unit will also link really well to the Oundle festival and to World Book Day, and we will look forward to sharing our work with you as the term progresses.

We will be planning and writing group stories, creating settings and characters and taking part in book quizzes in our library. The children will also have the opportunity to share and review favourite books and poems, and to write some poetry of their own.

