



Maple Class Information

Letter Spring A 2022

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely Christmas break and we are very excited to be welcoming you back into Maple class!

WILLOW CLASS ADULTS

Class Teachers: Mrs Brown (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Miss Borne (Thursday, Friday)

PE Teacher: Achieve4All

Music Teacher: Mr Kip Pratt

If you have any queries about your child's learning, we are more than happy to discuss them with you and will try our best to help. Please feel free to book a telephone appointment with either class teacher at the office and one of us can contact you at a time that is convenient.

MEDICATION

The school can only administer prescribed medication, which needs to be left in the office with a signed permission form. Any other medication, including over-the-counter medications, will need to be administered by parents/guardians.



DAILY BRAIN BREAKS AND EXERCISE

We are continuing to learn about our minds through Mind Up. This will be focused upon during PSHE lessons but also incorporated in other parts of the day in the form of 'brain breaks' and 'chime time'. Throughout the Autumn term we found the break breaks incredibly helpful for the children, it gives the children an opportunity to take a rest from their learning for a few minutes and to recuperate their brains. In addition to this, we will be having 2 hours of PE each week and regular physical exercise breaks where the children can partake in fun games that give them the opportunity to be physically active.



TIMETABLE

An example timetable for a week in Maple Class will also be uploaded to the school website where you can see the general timings and lessons for each day. Please note that this is only a guide. It remains flexible so that we can accommodate ambitious activities for the different subjects, which may

require extra time. Therefore, the timetable is subject to occasional changes where teachers feel it is beneficial or necessary.

Here are some general timings for the school, for your information.

Arrival time: 8:40am

Registration: 9:00am

Morning break: 10:30am – 10:45am

Lunch: 11:45pm – 12.45pm

Throughout the Spring term Maple class will be continuing with their afternoon have a 'story and snack' time daily, where they the teacher reads a longer book and children will listen and eat a snack (fruit provided by school).

Assembly: Assemblies will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon focusing on PSHE and Mind Up and we will continue to have a celebration assembly on Friday afternoons.

End of day: 3:10pm

Entrance/exit: Children will continue to use the main entrance (Reception) door at the start and finish of each day.

If your child is being collected by anyone different, please notify the class teacher or the office. Please try not to congregate with other parents on the playground at drop off/pick up times and please keep your child with you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As always, the children will be expected to wear the correct uniform to school each day. Details of the school uniform requirements can be found on the school website. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings. All children with long hair must tie it back and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Please ensure your child has a raincoat in school, preferably that can fit into their bag. We ask you to label all items of footwear and clothing with your child's name or initials, including items in their P.E. kit and their coat. We also ask that both your child's drink bottle and snack are marked with their initials or name, to avoid confusion when children have the same bottle or snack. Given the current situation we are in, this is especially important and if something is not named, we will label it for your child.



STAYING HEALTHY

As a school, we encourage the children to bring healthy snacks into school for break time and to have a balanced lunch.

HYGIENE

We will be continuing to use good hygiene in school and remind children to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. As hand gel contains strong chemicals, they will be encouraged to wash their hands rather than use sanitiser as much as possible. Your help in reminding the how to wash and dry their hands thoroughly will be greatly appreciated.

READING

As a school, we are really trying to promote reading for pleasure. This can be encouraged through the children enjoying an independent reading book, sharing a book with an adult or even listening to an audiobook. Thank you for all of your support throughout the Autumn term and please keep supporting to your child by listening to them **read daily** at home. Please talk to them about their books to encourage them to develop an enjoyment of reading and to improve their comprehension skills. Please take the time to record the name of the reading book and any comments every time you hear your child read. We will record that we have read your comments with a stamp or comment back.



HOMEWORK

We set homework every Thursday, which should be handed in the following week on Tuesday. The homework will either be a piece of maths or English from specific homework books that we will give to you and will support learning in school. On Thursday children will also receive a list of spellings in their reading record (these will always now be stuck into the centre pages of their reading record book) and will be tested on these the following Thursday, these spellings are from the common exception words list and it is extremely important that your child learns as many of these as possible before entering Year 3. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn these words. Please let us know if your child has any problems completing the homework as soon as possible so that we can help.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words Mat									
Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz									
Aa a after again are ask	Bb bath be beautiful because behind both break bring by	Cc child children Christmas class climb clothes cold came could	Dd do door	Ee even every everybody eye	Ff fast father find floor friend full	Gg go gold grass great	Hh half has he here his hold hour house	Ii I improve is	
Kk kind	Mm many me mind money most move Mr Mrs my	Nn no	Oo of old once one only our	Pp parents past path people plant pot pretty pull push put	Ss said saga school she should so some steak sugar sure	Tt the there they to today told	Ww was water we were where who whole wild would	Yy you your	
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P.E. & GAMES

The children in the school will have P.E. for two hours each week. Maple class sessions will be taught by Mrs Brown on Tuesdays and by Acheive4All on Fridays. Please ensure that the children come to school in PE kit on both our PE days (Tuesday and Friday).

We look forward to seeing you all on the 4th of January!

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown and Miss Borne.