

**Literacy**

Children will continue to be taught through daily Read Write Inc or Power of Reading lessons. Our Power of Reading book this half term is *The Snail and the Whale, The Snail and the Whale*, by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The children will explore and comment on settings, events and characters and form opinions of texts. The narrative is carefully crafted with well-drawn settings and characters, offering the children a good stimulus and model for writing.

Daily guided reading sessions will include comprehension work, super sentences and reading with an adult, which will focus on skills such as predicting, inferring, clarifying, summarising and questioning.

Help your children to fully understand their home reading books by practising the above skills. This will prepare them to take their iPad tests.

**Numeracy**

This half term, the children will be measuring. The children will explore this through hands-on experience with real life objects and substances. The children will use metre sticks and rulers to measure lengths in metres and centimetres.

Later on, the children will focus on data and how to represent it appropriately using graphs such as pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams. The children will have the opportunity to apply their existing knowledge of comparing numbers, addition, mental calculation methods and times tables.

**RE**

What it means for a Christian to belong to the church.

**Key Routines**

**Monday:** Bring in completed homework

**Tuesday:** New homework goes out

**Thursday:** Children are to change into their P.E. kits at school (white t-shirt, navy bottoms and plimsolls).

**Key Dates**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Be Bright, Stay in Sight Dress Up Day

**W/B 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** - National Story-telling Week

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Safer Internet Day

**Homework**

Encourage your child to take pride in their work by keeping it neat and presentable.

Homework will be linked to our current maths unit and our current IPC topic. This will be expected to be returned completed every Monday.

**How you can help your child at home**

Please read your child's school reading book with them every night and ask them lots of questions related to the text. This will enable the children to successfully complete the online reading quiz.

Practise recognising, writing and ordering numbers 1-1000. Practise measuring lengths of different household objects, using standard and non-standard units.



**Year 2**

**Maple & Oak**

**Spring Term 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half**

**Staff in Class**

**Mandeep Sandhu & Danielle Paul (Class Teachers)**

**Kamilah Burnett-Charles (Trainee Teacher), Bahar Kabala, Jenny Lord & Jack Vickerstaff (Teaching Assistants)**

**In Art, we'll be finding out:**

- colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
- about the work of a range of artists including Jackson Pollock, Georgia O'Keeffe and Chris Ofili.
- how to use paint to mix tints and shades.
- how to make a collage using primary colours.

**In International, we'll be finding out about:**

- some of the ways in which colour is celebrated around the world.

**Colour Chaos****Milepost 1 - Spring Term 1  
Year 2****In Physical Education, we'll be:**

- Exploring different forms of dance, including ballet and disco.

**In History, we'll be finding out:**

- The discoveries of Christopher Columbus
- Plotting important dates on a timeline.

**In Geography, we'll be finding out:**

- About some of the countries discovered by Columbus.