



Literacy

This half term, we will be learning all about Shakespeare. We will be focussing on the play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children will have the opportunity to explore and comment on the thoughts and feelings of different characters, write character descriptions, act out scenes from the play, form their own opinions on the text and describe different settings.

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 continue to calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division and write equations using the multiplication, division and equal to signs. Children will also begin to solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts. The children will be encouraged to explore the connection between multiplication and division.

Later on, the children will learn about time, exploring how many hours are in one day and how many minutes are in one hour. They will compare and sequence events and intervals of time to the nearest five minutes. Children will learn to tell the time to quarter to and past the hour and draw hands on a clock face to show these times.

How you can help at home

Encourage your child to notice the time during key parts of their routine. What time do they eat breakfast? What time do they go to bed?

RE

Why Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter

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

Thu 2nd March	World Book Day	Shakespearean Dress-up and Performance by Museum of London
Fri 3rd March (2 Oak)	Ocean Maths workshop for parents & children	9.10-10.10am in the Lower Hall
Wed 8th March (2 Maple)	Ocean Maths workshop for parents & children	9.10-10.10am in the Lower Hall
Thu 16th March Tue 21st March	Parents Open Afternoons	3.30 - 7.00pm 3.30 - 6.00pm
Wed 22 nd March	Shakespearean performance by children for parents	9.00am in the MUGA
Fri 24 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	Charity Dress-up Day 'Make your Laugh Matter'
Fri 31 st March	Last Day of Term	1.00pm finish

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.

Year 2

Maple & Oak

Spring Term 2017

2nd Half

Staff in Class

Mandeep Sandhu & Danielle Paul (Class Teachers), Gwen Norcliffe (Trainee Teacher)

Bahar Kabala, Jenny Lord & Jack Vickerstaff (Teaching Assistants)

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- how to design our own Elizabethan style costumes.
- How to use different materials to create a collage.

Shakespeare

Spring Term 2

Year 2

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

- what sounds might be heard in a forest during the day, compared with those that might be heard at night.
- How to use instruments to create a sound journey to represent a day in the life of a Shakespearean character.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- what plants need in order to grow
- about water transport within plants
- about local food chains
- why plants have leaves

In History, we'll be finding out:

- the different styles of dress worn by people in Elizabethan times.
- different types of food and drink enjoyed in Shakespeare's day.
- the differences between schools in Elizabethan times compared with today.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- Greece and, in particular, Athens where *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was set.
- where Shakespeare was born and what Stratford-upon-Avon was like during his day.