Maple Cross JMI & Nursery School

Monday 6th January 2025

2025 Ready! Spring Term in Chestnut

Dear Parent, Carers and Guardians,

We have well and truly settled into out learning this year and are looking forward to the Spring Term. Expectations, as always, will be high, and we will be looking to build on the learning that we have done so far at Maple Cross.

Spring Term

We are looking forward to a great term of learning and developing valuable skills. We know that the children are only in school for six and a half hours a day so we need parents' support to ensure children reach the highest standards. Working together in partnership will make a significant difference to learning.

Please continue to support learning by listening to your child read daily out loud and talk about what they are reading. Showing good understanding is as important as reading words correctly. Please continue practising number bonds/timestable. They should complete 1 3 minute Garage session every day at home ot attend TT Rockstars Club at lunchtime. The more children who can complete this at home the better, as lunch times are important for the children to play and work on their social skills. Home learning will consiste of the morning work activities that I set in class. The children have the opportunity to bring it home daily to complete or finish it at weekends. It is then due in on the Monday morning. The homework will consist of arithmetic, maths key skills, grammar and reasoning problems.

Curriculum area	Focus of learning
Writing	This term we are writing biographies inspired by famous female scientists.
Maths	We will continue with our work on fractions, decimals and percentages and also learn formal written methods of multiplication and division.
Science	We will finish our topic of Materials and then move on to Earth and Space.
D and T	Developing a recipe
Music	We will prepare for Young Voices
Computing	Data and information and Flat file databases
RE	Beliefs and Practices in Buddhism
PE	We will be playing netball and doing gymnastics

Key Dates – add in class specific

- Monday 6th January – school closed, INSET day
- Tuesday 7th January – first day of term.
- Friday 14th February – PTA fundraiser, parent and child maths challenge in afternoon – join us if you dare!
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – school closed, half term.

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- Thursday 6th March, World Book Day – more details coming.
- Thursday 27th March, parent consultations.
- Friday 4th April – end of term celebration assembly
- Monday 7th April – start of Easter holidays.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Miss Spencer
Chestnut Class Teacher