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Maple Class Newsletter – Summer Term, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term. I hope that you all had a relaxing break, and made the most of the excellent weather over the Easter weekend (and enjoyed eating plenty of chocolate!).

Curriculum

We have had a great first week back, and Maple Class have been learning all about Growth Mindset after our exciting visit from Mike Mullen and the BMX Academy workshop. We have also started our new topic, '*I Come From a Land Down Under*'. So far, we have learnt about Captain James Cook and his expedition to Australia, as well as taking part in an exciting Aboriginal History and Music workshop. We have been working hard in Maple Class already, and we are looking forward to covering plenty more Geography, History and Art work over the term ahead! For more details, please take a look at the attached topic web, which covers all areas of learning for the next two terms.



Student Teacher

We are very pleased to have Mrs Nickie Ewers working with us over the Summer Term, as she completes the final placement of her teacher training. Mrs Ewers has already had the chance to meet the children, and we are looking forward to working together.

Homework

This term's homework is now up on the Maple Class section of the school website. Please continue to leave a note in your child's homework book about the tasks they complete each week, it is really useful! Children should continue to hand in their homework each Wednesday.

Warmer weather



Now that spring has finally arrived and the weather is getting warmer, we will be spending even more time outdoors. It is therefore very important that children bring a hat and sunscreen (name labelled) to school every day. On particularly sunny days, please apply sunscreen before school and we will encourage the children to top up as necessary throughout the day. Roll-on or spray cream varieties (no aerosols) are easier for the children to apply independently. Also, please make sure your child has a water bottle every day. The children do have access to tap water in school, but they always drink more if it is from their own bottle!

Important Dates

Forest School – Maple Class have started Forest School sessions with Mr Craven. The sessions will take place on Wednesdays between 24th April and 5th June.



May Day - Maple Class will be taking part in their first May Day celebrations on Thursday 22nd May. This term, we will begin learning our dances and we hope that you can join us as we perform them with the rest of the school.

Celebration Worship – Our next class worship will take place on Friday 17th May at 2:30pm. We also have a second sharing worship on Friday 12th July at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there as we share our learning.

Woburn Safari Park – Maple Class will be going on their own adventure to the ‘Australian Walkabout’ at Woburn Safari park in the second half of the Summer Term. We will shortly be sending out a separate letter with more information about the trip.

Please check the school website for a full list of school events during the Summer Term, including Sports Day, transition day and reports.

Contact

As always, please feel free to contact me about any matters arising. Please use the following email address to contact me directly: ileonard@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk. Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school. If the matter is urgent, then you should contact the school office or speak to one of the Maple team at the start of the day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Leonard and the Maple Class team