



**Maple Class
Reception
Summer Term 2026**

Understanding the World: This term, we will learn about different habitats around the world and the animals that live there. We will learn about how these environments are different to the one in which we live. We will also explore the life cycle of a butterfly and identify different mini beasts that can be found in the garden. After half-term, we will learn about animals that live under the sea and how pollution has affected them. We will learn about ways that we can be more eco-friendly too. In our Outdoor Learning sessions, we will learn about the changes in the weather during summer and how to stay safe in the sun. After half-term, we will be learning all about the features of the seaside and comparing the seaside in the past to the present day.

Literacy: This term, we will use the beautiful picture books by Ella Bailey to learn about different animals around the world. We will practise our sentence writing and make sure that we include a capital letter, spaces between words and a full stop. We will also write about our visit to Cogges Farm, and write fact sentences about the animals that we saw. After half-term, our focus will be on stories about the beach and under the sea, and we will write our own recounts and stories. In Phonics, we will begin Phase 4 and learn new tricky words.

Religious Education:

Our BIG question this half term will be 'Are all families the same?' We will be exploring how all families are different and each family may believe in different religions and celebrate different festivals. We will also continue to learn about celebrations, like Vaisakhi, Rosh Hashanah and Holi.

PSED: Our overarching topic in Summer 1 will be 'Being my Best'. This will cover themes like bouncing back when things go wrong and how we can be resilient. We will also be looking at healthy foods and understanding why sleep is important. After half term, we will be looking at 'Growing and Changing'. We will look at how we have changed since we were a baby and think about the changes that the transition to Year 1 will bring.

Physical Development:

This term, we will focus on learning dance routines for our May Day celebrations at the end of Term 5. After half-term, we will be preparing for Sports Day by practising our running, throwing and catching skills. Our Fine Motor Skills sessions will continue to focus on accurate letter formation in preparation for Year 1.

Mathematics: This half-term, we will be counting larger sets of objects and things that cannot be seen. We will continue to embed our subitising of numbers to 6. We will also be comparing and ordering numbers to 10. After half-term, we will develop our knowledge of number bonds to 5 and work on these becoming automatic. We will develop our 2D and 3D shape knowledge by rotating and moving shapes to create patterns and compose new shapes. For example, using triangles to create squares.

Expressive Arts and Design:

This term, we will be creating observational drawings of our favourite animals. We will also be using a range of collage materials to create different crafts. After half-term, we will create a collage based around the Art Week theme of 'Flowers'. In our Music sessions, we will continue working on following a rhythm, and demonstrating pitch and tempo during group and individual singing.

'Amazing Animals'
(Term 5)     
and
'Seaside Adventure'
(Term 6)    