



**Maple Class
Reception
Autumn Term 2017**

Understanding the World In Science, we will be learning all about ourselves and labelling parts of the body. We will then move on to exploring the creatures that we might find at the bottom of the garden – mini beasts and UK wildlife. We will explore animal food chains and the homes that they live in. As part of our Computing work, we will discuss what we use computers for at school and home, and what to do if something goes wrong. We will also learn how to turn the school computers on and off safely, control the mouse and type our names. Our Geography and History work will focus on the local area. Exploring the school and Chesterton using maps, and going on a walk around the village. We will also be finding out about life in Chesterton 100 years ago. We will learn about the differences between life in the past and present, explore a variety of homes and how materials used to build houses have changed.

Literacy: This term, we will focus on stories about school, home, insects and woodland animals. We will retell the main events of these stories and discuss our favourite parts. We will also be learning to write lists, labels and captions. Later in the term we will explore Christmas themed poetry. In Phonics, we will focus on letter recognition and their sounds. We will practise writing letters with the correct formation and identifying words that start with the same sound.



Mathematics: In Maths, we will focus on numbers and the number system. We will practise counting and recognising numbers up to 20, and counting amounts of objects accurately. We will use these skills to make Tally Charts and Pictograms linked to our topic work. We will also explore positional language and ways to describe and measure weight. Later in the term, we will learn about simple addition and subtraction calculations.

Religious Education:

'Is the word "God" special?' We will find out about special things and how they are treated. We will learn about the job of a vicar and why God is special to them. Later in the term, we will learn about the Nativity story, who Jesus is, and why he is so important to Christians.

PSED: This term, we will focus on *'ME – a special person'*, and discuss different feelings, share our likes and dislikes, and learn the classroom rules and routines. We will explore *'Being Involved'*, and learn to follow instructions, make good choices, take turns, and take responsibility for our actions.

Physical Development: This term, we will learn to get changed for P.E. independently. We will explore different ways of moving and safely negotiate spaces. Later in the term, we will focus on gymnastics skills, such as balancing, jumping and rolling.

Expressive Arts and

Design: Our work this term includes painting self-portraits and parts of the village that we spot on our walk. We will be making mini beast models, woodland animal collages and pictures using natural objects that we find during Outdoor Learning. We will also create a variety of Christmas crafts.