



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

Friday 5th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

MAPLE CLASS LETTER – AUTUMN 2025

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer holiday! The children have settled in nicely into Maple class and are enjoying our ten pieces music project we will be sharing with you next week!

This is our class newsletter, and along with the Class Web, it will give you an outline of some of the things that will be happening in Maple class this Autumn term. Our topic is 'Maafa' with a history focus. If you have any artefacts/resources linked to any of our learning, do let us know. This topic will involve class discussions and lessons based around sensitive events such as Africa today and the ancient Kingdoms, the transatlantic slave trade, how Britain benefited from this and the abolition of slavery. We will also explore the lives of black people who have made significant contributions to Britain and will celebrate black culture in Britain today.

Reading

This term we will be using whole class guided reading sessions to share texts linked to our topic. We will not be commenting in children's reading record books as a rule, but parents and children should continue to record what has been read at home. Our daily book for the terms guided reading is 'The Wilderness War' by Julia Green.

Maths

Our focus this term is **Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions. and ratio.** It is important for all children to know their times table facts with quick recall, and we will be working on these daily in games and activities.

Mindfulness

We will continue our soft start to the school day and encourage the children to place their name into one of the zones of regulation when they come into school. They will then begin working on a morning task which will be a revision sheet, a spelling or grammar activity or math activity. We will continue our mindful activities throughout each day, which help calm and prepare us ready for learning.

Handwriting/Phonics

We will have handwriting sessions in school each week to ensure your child's handwriting is clear and legible. A handwriting certificate will be awarded in Friday celebration assemblies and their work celebrated on the 'SPOT ON' board in school hall. We will continue using Edshed for our spellings both in school and as part of homework each week.

PE

We will have two PE sessions every week. For this term, the first will be on a **Monday** learning skills of football and the second will be on **Tuesday** learning dance skills. As it is becoming cooler is coming, children need to have a navy/black tracksuit in their P.E. bag and girls need a pair of socks so they can change out of their tights. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. The main activity will mainly be practical but will also include a spelling and a maths task in addition to the daily reading and times table practice.

Staffing

Miss Davis is planning on being with Maple class until going on Maternity leave shortly before October half term, and both Miss Davis and Mr Skears will be teaching Maple until this time. We also have Mrs Worts working with us every day in Maple, as well as Mrs Willcox, Mr White and Mrs Meaghan working with us at various times each week.

Our class email address is mapleclass@croughtonschool.co.uk if you prefer to use this for any queries or questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Davis & Mr Skears