



'Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe - 'To believe, achieve, succeed together.'

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

MAPLE CLASS LETTER – AUTUMN 2023

Welcome to our new school term – the class have had a brilliant first couple of days.

This newsletter, along with the Class Web, will give you an outline of some of the things that will be happening in Maple class this 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.

Phonics/Spelling - We will continue using Edshed for our spellings both in school and as part of homework each week.

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 class book, which is linked to our topic Maafa, is '**Freedom**' by Catherine Johnson.

Maths - Our focus this term is **Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions. and ratio.** It is really 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.

PE - We will have two PE sessions every week. The first will be on a Thursday with S4A during PPA time and the second session will be on a Friday morning with myself. We will be working on Dance and Football. As winter 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 ear rings removed.

Music- We will be following the Charanga scheme where we will be exploring key and time signatures as well as gaining confidence through performance.

PPA -Mrs Dean and Mrs Lewis will be teaching the class every Thursday afternoon as part of PPA time along with S4A. They will be teaching PSHE. Mrs Smith will also be teaching the class for one morning every term.

Homework -Homework will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. This is a spelling and maths task in addition to the daily reading and times table practice. The homework grid tasks are also attached and will be shared on our Gallery day at the end of Term 1.

Looking forward to an excellent term ahead – if you do need to contact me please find me on the door before or after school or email me on the class email: mapleclass@croughtonschool.co.uk

Kind regards,
Miss Davis