



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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Maple Class Year 5/6 – Spring Term Letter**

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break!

Please find below an outline of what will happen in Maple class this term. Our new topic is 'Sow, Grow and Farm' with a Geography 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 features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world.

#### **Phonics/Spelling**

We will continue using Edshed for our spelling lessons in school and as part of our weekly homework tasks. There will be two tasks set 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 is The Wilderness War by Julia Green which links nicely to our Geography topic.

#### **Maths**

Our lessons this term for year five will focus on fractions, multiplications, decimals, percentages, perimeter and area and statistics. In year six we will be working on ratio, algebra, decimals, area and perimeter.

#### **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**

We will continue to work on our handwriting with a weekly lesson in school to ensure your child's handwriting is clear and legible. A handwriting certificate will be awarded in some of the Friday celebration assemblies, and their work celebrated on the 'Curriculum' board in school hall.

**PE**

We will have two PE sessions every week. The first will be on a Wednesday morning where your child will either be attending Brackley Leisure Centre for swimming lessons with Mrs Worts, or following a PE lesson (Basketball). The other PE lesson on Tuesday will be Gymnastics.

**Music**

We will continue to use the music scheme of Singup! Which the children have really enjoyed so far and have been really engaged with. We will explore Madina Tun Nabi and building a groove.

**Homework**

Online homework tasks will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. The homework can be found on EdShed and Mathshed and will reflect learning from that week. Please also see the homework sheet for children to choose activities from to complete for Gallery Day. Year 6 will begin an additional revision program using CGP books – a separate letter has been sent.

**Science**

Our new Science topic is called 'Human Reproduction and Ageing'. This project teaches children about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle. We will then explore human growth and development to old age. In addition to this, we will explore the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction to understand this from a scientific perspective.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful new term in Maple class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me or contact me on my class email [mapleclass@croughtonschool.co.uk](mailto:mapleclass@croughtonschool.co.uk) - thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Skears