

September 2019

Key
Stage 2



Maple Class

New Class Information

Class Teacher - Mr Nash
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Prideaux
Key Stage Leader - Mr A Nash

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year!

Our learning

English: We will be using the fantastic book 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson, for our English this term. Eva writes dramatically about a young child's adventures in the Amazon and we will be focusing on characters, reviews, opinions, argument and writing stories and poems around the theme of journeys.

Maths: Maths is being taught in year groups again this year. and Mr Powell is teaching Year 5 and I will be teaching Year 6 in readiness for SATs! To start the year, we will begin with place value. Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and length and perimeter are some of the upcoming topics. Throughout, we will work hard on times tables with the goal being instant recall of all multiplication facts up to 12x12. We are using a fantastic new school resource called Power Maths.

Dinners

All dinners in KS2 are payable using Parent Pay.

Snack

Please send snack money in on a Monday morning in a clearly marked envelope. See over for more details.



School Uniform

Uniform consists of white shirt, school tie, grey trousers or skirt, blue school jumper or cardigan, black school shoes. Grey shorts and red summer dresses may be worn in warmer weather. Please do not send your child to school in trainers.

PE Kit

A white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. These should be kept in school **every** day.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Science: Year 5 will be learning about properties and changes of materials, while Year 6 will be learning about light and electricity.

Computing: I will be teaching all KS2 year groups over the year. We are starting by looking at using computers safely.

Topic: In History and Geography, Miss Heathcote will be teaching Ancient Greece and about where food comes from to Year 5 and about The Titanic and Polar Regions including oceans to Year 6.

Homework

The children will have three books for work at home: home school link (English), daily calculations (Maths) and a reading record. Children will be given a Spag.com password for weekly spag revision. I will set an online test every Friday, that we will work through the following Friday. Spellings will also be given out on a Friday for a test the following week.

Expectations

We have high expectations of the children and expect them to do their best at all times. We want the children to take pride in their work and in their achievements. We have many reward systems in the class, including stickers, raffle tickets and celebration awards.

Remember: The classroom door is always open should you need to speak to any member of staff about any updates or concerns connected with your child. The class teacher is always your first point of contact.

N.B. You can also contact Mrs Prideaux on her school email:

julieprideaux@heathcote.staffs.sch.uk.

Reading

We will have dedicated guided and shared reading lessons. Also, we have a weekly slot to visit the school library so pupils can choose books to take home. This will be supported with the introduction of reading records. I would be delighted if children brought in favourite books from home.

Understanding the texts that are read is the focus of learning in our reading lessons. Retrieving information, summarising and making deductions, inferences and predictions are the sorts of skills being developed. Also, we are looking at reading techniques, such as text mapping and the PQE model.

Please encourage reading at home. It is incredibly important that your child is reading good-quality books that they enjoy and a range of other materials. Spellings and vocabulary will be developed through reading and this will help with progression in writing.

Snacks

For KS2, snacks are £2.50 a week.

This includes a drink (milk or juice) a biscuit and a piece of fruit each day.

£2.50 is to be paid on Monday morning.

Note: Snacks cannot be bought daily, only weekly.

The school is a healthy school, so only healthy snacks (no crisps/chocolate!) can be brought in from home.