



Maple Class Newsletter- Autumn term 2025

Dear Maple Class families,

Welcome back everyone to a new school year; we hope all of the children are excited, ready and refreshed for what promises to be another busy term. We trust that this letter and the attached curriculum overview document will provide you with all the information you need to give you an understanding of life in Maple Class over the next term, but please do get in touch if you have any further questions.

Maple Class staffing

Teachers: Chloe Cahill (Mondays, Tuesdays); Lisa Creek (Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)

Teaching Assistant: Lucy Scott

PE- Fridays

This term, Maple Class will be Swimming as part of their PE curriculum. This will take place on a Friday morning, from Friday 12th September, the children will need to bring the following items in a small kit bag:

- Towel
- Swim shorts / one piece swimming costume (or underwear if they are coming in already wearing swim shorts/ costume)
- Goggles
- Swim hat (optional)

When possible, children should come to school wearing their swim shorts/ costume underneath their clothes to allow for a more swift start to the swimming session. Although children will have a quick rinse in the showers after their swimming session they will not have time to wash their bodies or hair so please leave body wash/ shampoo at home.

Maple Class children will also have Forest School as part of their PE curriculum. This will take place on a Friday afternoon. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on a Friday, ready for this session. They should also have a named pair of wellies in school in case of wetter weather.

Homework

Reading - Please do continue to listen to your child read at home, ideally 5 times a week. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books once a week. For those children who are continuing on the phonic scheme books, these books follow a carefully sequenced order to ensure children have adequate opportunities to use and apply their phonic learning. For those children who are now 'free readers', we will continue to monitor and support their book choices to ensure they are using a variety of books, with the right level of challenge for them.

Doodle Maths - Children should be aiming to practise their basic number skills using their Doodle Maths account for at least 30 minutes a week. This can be across several sessions- we recommend little and often!

Items from home

Children should come to school with the following items:

A pre-filled water bottle

Reading book and reading record

Packed lunch (where applicable)

Weather dependant- Raincoat, sunscreen, sun hat

A healthy snack for break time (year 2 will be provided with fruit or they can bring in a healthy snack)

A polite reminder- we don't host regular 'show and tell' sessions in class, but we do welcome children to share out of school achievements or special events/ experiences. We just ask that children check with us before bringing any such items in to school so that we can ensure they are stored safely. Please can we ask that all toys, including fidget toys, stationary and pencil cases are not brought into school.

As always, our door is open so please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns, questions or news. Mornings can be very busy, so afternoons are a good time to catch us.

Alternatively, please email us via the office: office@cdcs.uk

Best wishes,

Chloe Cahill and Lisa Creek