

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I started my Friday morning meeting with a group of very talented writers who had been nominated by their class teachers as my Stars of the Week. They brought some excellent pieces of writing to share with me and Miss Hyde that they were, rightly, proud of. There was such variety in style and composition but it was clear to see that they had all tried so hard whilst also enjoying the process as well. Not surprisingly, all the children who were with us enjoyed reading too and it was quite clear to see their love of books within the vocabulary choices they had made. The spread of expectation from Year 1 to Year 6 was also clearly visible and was a great indicator that the pupils are building on their learning to shore up their progress from year to year.

This afternoon, children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have been treated to a visit by an author which again allows the children to connect with their imaginations and develop their love of story which, in turn, supports them in creating their own writing. Next week we have a couple of other events happening for different year groups across the school and I know that these will also be used as a stimulus in their writing. There are never missed opportunities - always chances to enhance the learning which goes on.

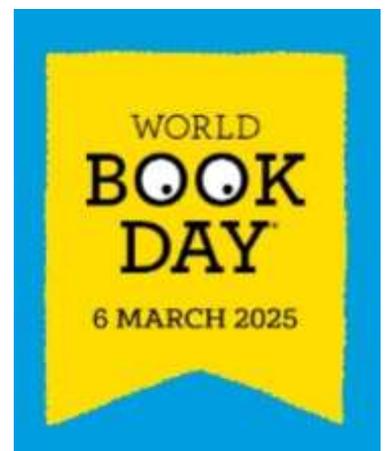
I have also had a meeting with Ms Cassidy this week who, amongst her other roles, is our Values Lead. We have some exciting things coming up this year to emphasise our work in this area but I wanted to remind you that she wrote in the newsletter before half term to encourage you to send in examples of things your children are doing outside of school which demonstrate our values as this is key to their education and in making them responsible citizens as they grow older. If you have examples, or you missed this and would like more information, please contact Ms Cassidy through our teacher@mapletreprimaryschool.com email.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

World Book Day Thursday 6th March 2025

We love to celebrate World Book Day here at Maple Tree and this year will be no different. We would like to invite children to dress up again this year as their favourite book character—remember, there are many characters that won't require you to make or buy anything new!

Following on from parent forum feedback, we sent out World Book Day vouchers before half term. Lots of children have told me that they have already used these to get a book, which is great! These can be spent in most book stores and larger supermarkets.



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Poplar Class

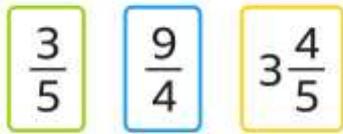
Year 4

English

This term we are continuing to write a short narrative which is set in a woodland. We are approaching our writing in a different way, getting the children to explore their writing as authors and not the reader. This uses skills such as 'zooming in and out', in which settings and characters are broadly investigated before focusing into a specific detail, to create a strong image in a readers mind.



Maths



We will continue to focus on our times tables and practice for the Multiplication Times Table Check, taking place in June, but we are going to start on fractions. The children will build on their knowledge from year 3 and to start will be using it to look at fractions greater than a whole. They will then progress on to mixed numbers and improper fractions, equivalent fractions and finishing with adding and subtracting fractions.

History

This term we have been learning how children's lives have changed over time, focusing on Tudors and Victorians. We have looked at what kinds of job they had to do and the reasons why they had to work so young. We will be looking at the work and achievements of Lord Shaftsbury in relation to child labour.



Art

Before half-term the children researched food artists, looking at the materials and texture of the works. They have planned and designed their own pieces. This half-term we will be sculpting the pieces to create a class picnic of different foods.

Design Technology

The children are looking at adapting a biscuit recipe for a particular customer in DT. We have trialled a recipe and budgeted for the adaptations and making of the biscuits. The packaging needs designing and making as well as the final product!



Geography

This term we are looking at where food comes from in the world. The class has been focusing on the Cocoa bean, learning about where it grows, how it is harvested, processed and transported around the world; and all before it is turned in to a delicious chocolate product.



Dr Bike is coming to Maple Tree!

On **Thursday 20th March**,

Dr Bike will be visiting Maple Tree to service the children bikes, to make sure they are safe and ready for the summer.

If you would like your child's bike to be checked over, please bring it to school with them in the morning and leave it in the bike shelter area.

Depending on the number of bikes left on the day, Dr Bike will aim to look at as many bikes as he can but it can not be guaranteed that your child's bike will be serviced.



Spelling Bee

I am excited to share that we are going to be running a school spelling bee. Children will all take part in round 1 within classes, and then the winners (of those who want to participate) will move on to the semi-final and finals. The top 5 spellers in KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will battle head to head in the final, where parents and carers are invited to join. This will take place on Thursday 27th March at 2pm in the school hall.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thur 6th Mar – World Book Day
Thur 20th March – Parent forum
Thur 27th March – Spelling Bee Final
Tue 1st April – Rocksteady concert
Thur 3rd April – Easter assembly (R+KS1)
Fri 4th April – Last day of term

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

Maths Learning at Maple Tree

Parent/Carers Maths Workshop

It was lovely to see some of you at our parent/carer maths workshop. It can be extremely daunting coming in to school if you are not confident in a subject, so thank you for supporting us. During the evening, I went through what and how your children learn at different points in their maths journey with us. I also try to debunk some myths around maths and how to support you, and how, in turn, you can support your children.

As you can see from the pictures, the children have been very busy in their maths learning and we really appreciate any support you can give your child at home. You can find links to useful websites on our website. I am in the process of updating this list—so please do keep checking back. If there is something specific you would like to know, please speak to your class teacher, who will be more than happy to help.

Aspen Class

In Aspen class, we have begun learning how to multiply. Here we have been learning how to use manipulatives and pictorial representations to add equal groups. We will then move onto learn multiplication through repeated addition and use the multiplication symbol. Learn lots of new vocabulary. For example, multiplicand and multiplier.



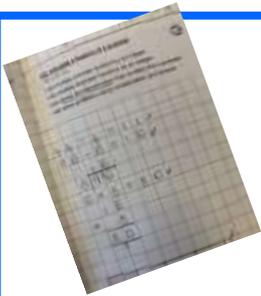
Elder Class

On return from our half-term break, Elder class have focussed on decimals. We firstly learn the place value of decimals to 3 decimal places (thousandths). Following this, we learnt the rules for rounding and then finally number calculations using decimals.



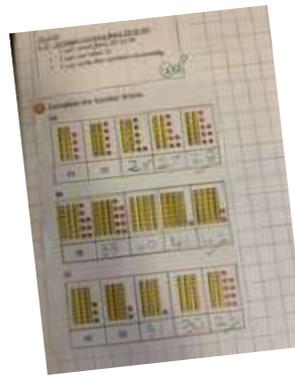
Juniper Class

In Juniper class we have been learning more about fractions. We have been using our knowledge of times tables to find a fraction of a quantity. We also use this understanding to problem solve and reason about fractions.



Yew Class

In Yew class we have been learning how to count from 20 to 50. We have used Base 10 manipulatives and pictorial representations to support us. Using our understanding of number and Subitising we know to count in 10s instead of counting from 1 every time.



Poplar Class

In Poplar class we have begun learning about fractions. The first lesson is understanding fractions as a whole. We will then learn about placing fractions on a number line and equivalence. We will also begin to add and subtract fractions where the denominator is the same.



Rowan Class

In Rowan class we have been learning how to divide and multiply. We have learnt how to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with a remainder. We have used manipulatives to support our understanding as it can be tricky to grasp what the remainder is.



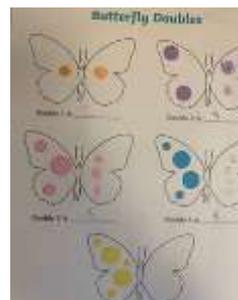
Mulberries Class

In Mulberries class, the children have been learning about shapes around us. They begin to learn the name of everyday shapes, for example circle, triangle and square. They spot them all around them and do lots of amazing activities to develop their maths vocabulary. Here you can see some 3D shapes they have been making from Magnetix.



Fir Class

In Fir class we have been using our understanding of number to find doubles. We all know how to subitise and use this to say what we notice. We can say we see 4 dots on one of the butterfly wings and know that the other wing will also have 4 dots.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for...

...showing responsibility for others!



Fir: Albie	Yew: Agamjot	Aspen: Sullivan
Rowan: Sophie	Poplar: Parker	Juniper: Sophia
Elder: Laecie	Well done to you all!	

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 192	Robins 155
Doves 186	Ravens 312
Kingfishers 160	Swallows 204

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

stars of the Week!

For amazing work in writing this week!

- Yew: Jack
- Aspen: Saffie
- Rowan: Imogen
- Poplar: Archie
- Juniper: Maya
- Elder: Scarlett

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 24th February 2025

The best attendance award is presented to:
Juniper class this week!

Mulberries 91%	Fir (YR) 94%
Yew (Y1) 96%	Aspen (Y2) 96%
Rowan (Y3) 96%	Poplar (Y4) 96%
Juniper (Y5) 98%	Elder (Y6) 94% 

COFFEE MORNING

WITH MRS ROY (SENDCO)

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF
CHILDREN WITH SEND

An opportunity to get to
know each other and
have an informal chat.



Tuesday 25th March
9.00-9:30 am
School Hall

Please confirm your attendance by emailing
SEND@mapletreepriamaryschool.com
by Monday 17th March.

Followed by a workshop run by neurospecial:

Tuesday 25th March
9:30-11am
School Hall

UNDERSTANDING GIRLS
WITH ADHD & AUTISM
Workshop



Come see what we do



we need you!!

Come along to our
next meeting and
have your say in
what events we
run



NEXT MEETING

Monday, 3rd March

Meeting at the Schhol

6.30pm - 7.30pm

