

Maple Class Newsletter Summer Term 2023

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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fabulous Easter. The children have settled back in beautifully and have really enjoyed catching up with each other and sharing stories of the Easter break.

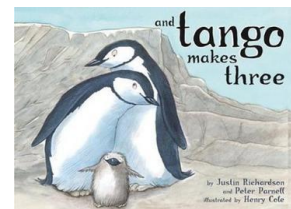
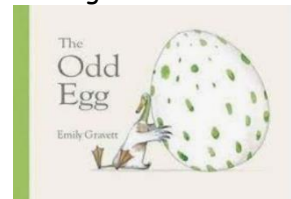
Website

Have a look at the Maple class page on the website for photographs/videos of all the fantastic learning we have done last term. This is updated regularly with new photographs. You will also find information for the topics being covered this term. These will help you and your child discuss and review their learning at home.

Topic

We will be looking at 'New Life' and linking our learning to the following texts:

- Baby Bear, Baby Bear
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- The Odd Egg
- We're Going on an Egg Hunt



We will also read *And Tango makes Three*, one of our reflecting realities texts which introduces same sex parenting through a true story based around two chinstrap penguins. These texts are selected to introduce children to real world situations and introduce important values and concepts such as gender and ethnicity.

Maths

In our maths work we will be focussing on the following concepts:

- Numbers from 10 to 20
- Estimating
- Missing numbers
- Tangrams
- Counting on and adding more / taking away

Please remember that your child has access to the online Numbots maths games. Please speak to Mr Ross if you need the login details again.

Phonics

The children are making very good progress with their phonics. Please encourage them to read at home and show off their amazing learning and understanding. Just 5-10 minutes a night will make a real difference. Please also continue to read to your child - there are few things that develop a lifelong love of reading that snuggling up at bedtime with a story. Involve them in the story by asking questions - what might happen next? what was their favourite part of the story?

Please also continue to make use of our free library by the EY gate. We are loving how much it is being used!

School Fund Tin

We have a donation tin and welcome donations from parents and carers. This money is used to contribute to activities such as baking ingredients and campfire food. A voluntary donation of £2 a term would be greatly appreciated if possible.

Independence

We are continuing to encourage the children to develop independence at school, in particular with shoes and coats in preparation for Year 1. Please support your child to practise this at home. Shoes with Velcro and trousers that are easy to manage themselves really aid this.

We are really excited to continue to work with you over the coming term. The children are an absolute pleasure to work with and we love watching and supporting them to develop and grow.

Mr Ross and the Maple Team

Diary

17.4.23	School re-opens for Summer term
17.4.23	Reception Offer Day for September 2022
21.4.23	Acorns and Maples mini Beast hunts
25.4.23	Yorkshire Air Ambulance event
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27.4.23	Dogs Trust Visit to School
1.5.23	Bank holiday - May Day
8.5.23	Bank Holiday King Charles' Coronation
25.5.23	Class Photo Day
29.5.23-2.6.23	Half Term
5.6.23	Training day
6.6.23	School reopens
8.6.23	Empathy day
17.6.23	Otley Carnival
19-23.6.23	Health Week
21.6.23	Sports Day
26-30.6.23	SEND week
10.7.23	Bike training on the playground
10-14.7.23	Parent consultation
12 - 14.7.23	In school transition
13.7.23	Summer Fair - Friends of Ashfield 4-6pm
21.7.23	Break up for the summer