



Maples Class Term 3 Newsletter Awesome Authors



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that the children are excited for another term of learning! This term, our topic is called 'Awesome Authors' and we will be reading a variety of books from different authors to widen our understanding of author's voice and experience different vocabulary. We will be off on an adventure with Michael Morpurgo to 'Kensuke's Kingdom'; immersing ourselves in the magical world of Narnia with the help of C S Lewis and bringing the term to an exciting and funny end with David Walliams' characters in 'The Midnight Gang'!

We would love to have some 'Mystery Readers' come in to share their favourite books with the class so if you would like to come in and read either an extract, or a whole short story, to the class, please do come and speak with us!

Homework	
Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure it is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday and counting the number of reads completed. Then they will be transported up the tree and will win a prize! It is so fundamental to their future that they can read and comprehend stories as well as picking up new language to use in speaking and writing.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Friday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they had learnt about the previous week.
Maths Times Tables	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday . This term we will be focusing on learning/revising a times table and this will be tested weekly in a random order and will aim to do this at speed. Children will also learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login to also support their recall.

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a named coat for any wet/cold weather.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Year 3/4 Team

Useful Websites:

- www.michaelmorpurgo.com
- www.worldofdavidwalliams.com
- www.lovereading.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs
- www.purplemash.co.uk
- www.trockstars.com

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term

- Who is the author you are learning about now?
- Who is your favourite author and why?
- Which timestable are you focusing on now?
- Which symbols for electricity do you know?
- What has been your favourite part of the book you are reading at the moment?
- What have you learnt about Judaism so far this term?
- How do you read a map and grid references

Key vocabulary:

electricity	circuit	current	island	deserted
landscape	Islam	city	country	adventure
Mosque	voltage	perspective	switch	symbol

Dream Big READ!



Awesome Authors Learning Map

