

Amazing Me

Who am I?

Maple Class Newsletter Term 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say how impressed we have been with the children since they have started with us. They have all settled into school life amazingly!

Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me - Who am I?'. We will be reading a range of texts such as Farmer Duck, Little Red Hen, Rosie's Walk, Incredible You and Different is a Great Thing to Be. We will be exploring who we are as people and our place in the world.

We will think about our family, who we live with and where we live. We will also be learning about our immediate environment, embarking on a tour of our new school and the grounds. Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds. This year, we are starting a new phonics programme 'Little Wandle'. Please refer to the separate letter which provides more information about how it operates.

Reading	<p><u>Please read with your child regularly.</u></p> <p>Your child will bring a book home each week from the Little Wandle Scheme. It is essential that this is returned each day as we will be using these books in guided reading sessions three times a week. Please do share this book with your child as often as you can. In addition to this, they can choose other reading books that we have at school. Please ensure that these are returned regularly. Initially, the books that you will share will not have any words in them. At this stage, it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section. We will be holding a reading meeting to discuss reading strategies and to share more information with you in the coming weeks.</p>
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	<p>The homework letter each week will let you know which sounds they will be working on in the week. The children can practice these sounds by writing them, finding words that start with them and cutting pictures out of catalogues with the correct initial letters. It would be really useful to support the children in identifying these sounds when reading with them. If you need support in knowing the letter sounds please use the video clip recommended below.</p>
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Maths	<p>We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of number. We will be starting with '1' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach.</p>
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Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a **coat** particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our regular PE days are Monday but **PE kits** should be in school all week. We will send them home at the end of each term.

Home Learning

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school.

Phonics – If you are supporting you child with their phonics at home please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way.

Useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.

www.topmarks.co.uk – Early Years maths and phonics games.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> - number blocks clips

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Boldero, Miss Munn and Mrs Higman



'Amazing Me'
Who am I and where do I live?
Learning Map

What are we learning this term?

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Familiar Texts</p> <p>We will be asking the children what their favourite stories are and sharing them.</p> 	<p>Phase 1 & 2 Phonics</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Counting 1:1 and Number blocks</p> 	<p>Exploring Shapes and measuring</p> 
<p>Expressive Art & Design</p> 	<p>Self-portraits and exploring famous artists like Picasso and Frieda Kahlo Experimenting with lots of different materials and techniques.</p> 	
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Our school and the world around us.</p> 	<p>Explore our new environment</p> 
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Fine Motor Skills</p> 	<p>Gross Motor Skills</p> 
<p>PSED</p>  <p>Recovery Curriculum and Jigsaw PSED</p>	<p>Getting to know each other</p> 	<p>Classroom Rules</p> 
<p>Communication & Language</p> 	<p>Home News</p> <p>Talking about our friends and family and pets</p> 	<p>Sharing Stories & Drama</p> 