

Spring Term Maple Class Newsletter

Last term we asked the children about their interests and what they would like to learn about. The children discussed their interests and 'transport' was the topic they suggested. Therefore this is the theme we are going to be focusing on to teach the following skills:

- Begin to organise and sequence thoughts and events.
- Show an understanding of the elements of stories such as setting and characters.
- Have an understanding about how information can be found in non fiction texts to answer questions about where, who, why and how.
- Use their phonic knowledge to write simple regular words and make phonetically plausible attempts at more complex words.

Communication,
Literacy and
Language

- Use subtraction and addition.
- Share objects into equal groups.
- Recognise the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.
- Compare quantities.

Problem Solving,
Reasoning and
Number

- Find out about new and old transport
- Recognise features of the environment and say what they like/ dislike.
- Know about their own and others beliefs.
- Use the mouse and keyboard on the computers.

Knowledge and
Understanding

- Recognise how sounds can be changed.
- Use their imagination through role play, dance, music and art.

Creative
Development

- Travel in different waysShow an awareness of space for themselves and others.
- Use equipment safely.
- The main PE sessions will continue to be taught by Sports Support.

Physical
Development

- Looking at feelings and how to respect the opinions of other.
- Consider the consequences of their own and others actions.

Personal, Social, and
Emotional

- Traditional clothes from around the world.
- Different clothes for different occasions.

Religious Education

There are lots of games and even a vote on our class Fronter page, so remember to have a look. If you have any suggestions, ideas or contacts which you feel could support our topic on transport please let us know.

If you have

Parent task

We would once again like to thank you all for the effort and time you took to design and make your own dinosaurs. This term we have another parent/child task! The challenge is to make your own form of transport. It can be based on an old or existing form of transport or something we might see in the future. It can transport you across land, sea, air or even time. It is completely up to you and your joint imaginations. As we mentioned last time you do not need to spend a lot of money on your model as the idea behind the project is for you and your child to discuss the topic they are learning at school. We were overwhelmed by the response to the dinosaur challenge and we really look forward to seeing your transport creations. Please can you bring your creations to school by the last week of term (week beginning *****) If you need any materials or further guidance please do not hesitate to see me at school

Virtual Learning Platform

Your child will be issued with their own password for our virtual class page. The virtual learning platform (VLP) is a secure online space which is designed to support the learning we do in school. Please log on and let us know what you think. If you have any other suggestions, such as specific information which you feel as a parent would be helpful, please let us know. I have put links to some activities which I feel may be of use to you including some visual ideas for the parent task.

Library Books

During this term your child will be selecting books from the school library to take home. These books will be in addition to their daily reading books, but will only be changed once a week. We encourage the children to choose library books as it enables them to experience a wide variety of genres.

Once again thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clanfield, Mrs Thomson and Mrs McGarr