



**What have we been doing in Maple this week?**

**Literacy** This week, the children have been introduced to 'older literature'. We have used the covers of classic novels to predict age and genre, comparing them and identifying similarities and differences with modern fiction. We have also been exploring anachronisms and have enjoyed identifying them in both text and images, suggesting appropriate replacements.

**Maths.** This week, we have been consolidating key skills in calculating using the column method. We have also used the column method to calculate with decimals and explored real-life problems and identified the correct operations to use to solve them successfully. The children have also revised work on angles and are now much more confident in knowing how many degrees in circles, right angles, triangles and on a straight line and are becoming increasingly confident in solving tricky missing angle problems.

**Other Subjects** In Science, we have begun our new unit for this half term: Investigating Grasses. We started our unit by finding out what we know about grasses, where they grow and what different types they are. We also collected some samples from the playground and completed some careful and accurate observational drawings, using magnifying glasses to help us. In R.E., we have been studying how religion can be expressed through the arts and have explored art, statues, sculpture and music.

**What will we be doing in Maple next week?**

In Literacy, we will be looking at older novels in more detail, particularly at traditional settings and character profiles. We will also be looking at how to decipher the meanings of out-dated vocabulary, without using a dictionary! In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on formal written methods, including multiplication and division, placing them in realistic contexts.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES**

• **Welcome evening Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Please can you ensure all your child's school uniform is named. Every term we end up with a huge pile of lost items which unfortunately never find their owners. We shall be checking each week and will send a reminder home if necessary. Don't forget to sign up for Bourn to Run! A prize is available for the class which raises the most sponsorship money!

**HOMEWORK**

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	Improving uninspiring sentences (and spellings)	Mon 17.9.12
Science	Investigating and identifying grasses	Wed 19.9.12
Maths	To use logic in solving a mathematical problem.	Wed 19.9.12
Enrichment Curriculum		

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