



What have we been doing in Maple this week?

Literacy This week the children have been learning how to write dramatic, suspenseful short stories. They have developed their use of varied sentence structure for dramatic effect as well as expanding their range of vocabulary to create vivid imagery and portray emotions and actions effectively. Applying correct punctuation and grammar has also been a strong focus this week, with lots of scope for practice in a daily activity session. I am most impressed with the improved accuracy shown by everyone! Maple have also been rehearsing for their Class Assembly and demonstrating their drama skills!

Maths. Formal methods for long and short division have been the focus in maths this week. All the children have made progress in their skill at using these methods, including applying the appropriate division method to word problems. They have successfully applied their understanding of inverse operations to check their calculations.

Other Subjects We have met our first suspect in our Victorian Crime Scene, in the enrichment curriculum. The appearance of exhibit A, a crown, dropped outside Buckingham Palace gave rise to the suspicion that Queen Victoria may be guilty of a misdeed! In their search for answers, the children uncovered lots of information about the Queen and her Empire. In art, the children have been looking at pattern and colour, experimenting with a repeated pattern design using only 3 colours. In science, the children designed and started an investigation into the effects of different liquids on grass growth. Their confidence at planning and identifying the key factors in investigations is growing weekly.

What will we be doing in Maple next week?

In RE the children will be learning about the Jewish Exodus in ancient times and Sukkah, the Jewish harvest festival. In literacy, they will be independently planning and writing their own adventure stories based on the skills learnt this week as well as putting the finishing touches to our assembly. In maths, we shall be looking at perimeter and investigating the relationship between perimeter and area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

Every child has been issued with a homework diary in which to record homework to be done and when it is to be returned. Please make sure you check it regularly, and that it comes back into school each day.

HOMEWORK

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	Y5 Condensing sentences Y6 Interpreting Old English	Fri 28.9.12
Science	Identifying different investigative factors	Wed 3.10.12
Maths	To use short or long division formal written methods.	Wed 3.10.12
Enrichment Curriculum	A project will be set soon!	

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