



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

Year Six have been busily preparing for next week SATs tests. They will need a restful weekend and lots of brain food and sleep next week! The Year 5s have been working equally hard with lots of creative writing and complex fraction work.

#### Literacy

The year 5 children have been developing their creative writing skills this week by examining, exploring and creating metaphors. They have looked at examples from texts and judged their effectiveness. They then wrote their own metaphors by using characters and matching objects to the characteristics of their personalities.

This week, the Year 6 children have been working hard preparing for their SATs tests next week. We have completed a spelling assessment, grammar and punctuation test and a reading comprehension from 2012, so the children have a feel for what the most recent SATs tests have included. We have revised each test and picked up key issues from each one, revising pronouns, prepositions and articles to avoid errors. We also looked at the language in the questions to ensure that the children know what they are being asked to do.

#### Maths.

The year 5 children have worked on fractions this week, looking at visual representations to help them complete some challenging activities. The children very much enjoyed working on an open-ended fraction investigation, which involved finding and making different fractional amounts hidden within a grid.

The Year 6 children completed some mathematical drawing at the start of the week, using rulers and protractors to accurately draw complex shapes. Some children then increased/decreased the scale of the diagrams. SATs practice has, of course, been on the agenda and children have completed all Maths tests from 2012. We have also had the chance to go through the papers and revise any problematic areas, focusing on conversion, data handling and how to annotate the paper to help you. The children have worked very hard and are as ready as they can be for the tests next week!

#### Other Subjects

We had a lively discussion this week in RE about values and dilemmas. We talked about living by a moral code and how it can be difficult to do the right thing. We looked at a variety of different dilemmas and created flow-charts to show the consequences and outcomes of approaching the problems in different ways. In Topic, we have been completing some research on how the Romans lived and looking in detail and the different rooms in their villas. We also tried our hand at a little mosaic making, with mixed results!

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

Next week, due to SATs, year 5 children will be spending the week in Cherry with Mrs Wheatman and working on some wonderful narrative poetry. Year six will, of course, be otherwise engaged! In PSHCE we shall explore the effects and some examples of discrimination.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

- SATs Week: May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> so lots of sleep required!
- Please bring in a shoe box for an activity in Topic.
- After SATs-party for Year 6s on Friday afternoon. Please see Parent Mail for more details.

### HOMEWORK

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	Y5: Spellings & grammar practice No homework	Monday 07.05.13
Science	No homework	
Maths	Year 5: 2D shape construction Year 6: Consolidation	Wednesday Wednesday 9.5.13
Enrichment Curriculum		

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