



# Maple Newsletter



It has been such a busy and exciting half term in Class Maple and it has really flown by! This term has seen our annual fete, Christmas Capers and the Christmas productions, which were a great success. We have also had our delicious Christmas lunch today – everyone looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2019!

## English

In English this term we have explored the topic of Crime and Punishment to inform our writing. In doing so, we have completed lots of written work and covered some very interesting themes such as Victorian prisons, Magistrates Court and Witchcraft! The children have created diary entries, persuasive letters and non-chronological reports using their knowledge of the aforementioned subjects. It has been a very interesting unit, through which we have all learnt a great deal!



## Maths

In Maths, we have been focusing on number skills and calculation procedures. A large part has been learning how to do long multiplication and long division properly and applying them to solve word problems. We have also looked at fractions – how to add and subtract and multiply and divide fractions. They know how find equivalent fractions and how to simplify them. The children have become more proficient in converting proper fractions and mixed numbers as well as finding percentages of different amounts. The children have also developed their understanding in how to find the nth term in linear sequences, and use algebraic expressions to generate new ones.

## Carols by Candlelight

Next Tuesday evening, a group of Year 6 children will be participating in the Carols by Candlelight service at Bourn Church, reading a festive poem. The poem will be about the Three Wise Men and their special journey. We hope you are able to join us.



## Ancient Egypt

In our Enrichment Curriculum lessons this half term we have learned more about the ancient Greek civilization. We learnt about how the Egyptians lived, worked and worshipped. We also explored the way in which they communicated and investigated their form of hieroglyphic writing. In Art and DT, we used our knowledge of this to create Egyptian tiles. These tiles were made from polystyrene, buttons, string, sticks to form typical Egyptian symbols. We then used our tiles to print our own cartouches.



## Science

In Science this half term we have been learning about the respiratory and circulatory system in the human body. We learned about the different structures and their names and function and how they worked together including the different types of blood vessels, parts of the heart and lungs and the double circulatory system. The children also learned about the harmful effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs on our bodies. To show our learning we created board games around the theme of the circulatory system and tested them to see how educational they were. We recreated blood and its components using household ingredients too.



## Christmas Capers

For this year's Christmas Capers, everyone in Class Maple was asked to take on some extra responsibilities as the oldest children in the school. We all contributed, creating games and running stalls on the day to raise money for the school and our chosen charity, 'RNLI'. The Year 6 stalls were a great success and children did a fabulous job of running them on the day. Well done everyone!



Vivek said: 'Christmas Capers was great fun. We made the Fun Forest game and raised £38.00.'

Zak said: 'We made Christmas cards for Christmas Capers. We sold out!'



Lola said: 'We made jars of luxury hot chocolate with marshmallows and smarties. They were very popular.'

## Other Comments

P.E.:

*'We've been doing cycling and hockey this half term. We've played games and learnt the rules of hockey and had lots of fun' by Edward.*

R.E.:

*'We learnt about the story of Sita and Rama and how they found their way home by the light of diva (candles) set out by everyone in the world' by Ben.*

Enrichment:

*Oscar said: 'We've been learning about how the Egyptians took lots of care with their dead, in preserving them and turning them into mummies'.*

Spanish:

*'We have learned about countries and weather, and how to describe them' by Evie.*

## Coming up next term:

- Class Maple Assembly – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January
- Half Term – 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February

