

Maple Weekly Review

Week ending: 1st February 2019

We have had another busy week here in Maple. Now that we are in the midst of a cold spell, can we ask you to remind children to come into school dressed for the weather? They need to have a warm coat and sensible shoes, if they are to go out at break time. Thank you.

For an Art project after half term, we would like to collect shoeboxes. Ideally, we'd like to collect enough for one between two so if you have any boxes at home, please do send them in or consider us if out shoe shopping over the next month.

We are also still collecting 5 pence coins to fill our class bottle so please send them in with your child. Many thanks.

English

In English this week, the children have been developing their writing skills. They have revised speech punctuation, looking at reporting clauses and inverted commas. They then wrote **dialogue for two characters from the video we are studying: 'Titanium'**. The children have also been revising grammar skills such as the use of the apostrophe and contractions as well as improving our reading comprehension skills.

Maths

This week in Maths we have been learning about algebra. The children have explored how functions work using function machines to apply different rules to different inputs and seen how the outputs are affected. Using shapes and letters to represent the different inputs and rules, the children have begun to formulate algebraic expressions. Next week we will explore how to sequences using algebraic expressions.

Science

The children learned about a new kingdom this week: microorganisms. They looked at video clips of actual electron microscope footage of bacteria, and have learned about the different structures of them including rods, spirals and balls. The children are beginning to identify the differences between viruses, fungi and bacteria, and recognize how some are harmful and some are used to help us in different processes such as wine making and turning milk into yoghurt.

HOMEWORK

DAY	SUBJECT	DUE IN
MONDAY	Science – Microorganisms	Thursday 07.02.19
MONDAY	English – Punctuating direct speech	Friday 08.02.19
THURSDAY	Maths – Fractions	Tuesday 05.02.19

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

Friday 8th February – Sporting Achievement Assembly
Friday 15th February – Half Term Begins
Mon 18th Feb – Fri 22nd Feb – Half term
Monday 25th February – First day of term

Mrs Wheatman and Mrs Culley