

Spring Term 2025 in Maple Class

Welcome back Year 6!

Welcome back, Year 6, and a very Happy New Year to you all!

We hope your Christmas break was filled with plenty of rest, far too much food, and a chance to recharge your batteries. Walking into the classroom this morning, it's clear that you've all grown—not just in height, but in how you carry yourselves as the leaders of this school.

We are now entering the Spring Term, which is arguably the most important and exciting term in all of primary school. It's the bridge between being a primary student and becoming a secondary student.

Maple Class Team

Mrs Lindley- Class teacher/Head of School

Mrs J Titterington - Class teacher/ Federation SENCO

Mr K Evans- Year 6 Teaching Assistant

Literacy

This term, Year 6 have been immersed in our class text '*The Promise*' by Nicola Davies as part of a three-week writing report. The book has sparked thoughtful discussions about the meaning of promises, responsibility, and how even the smallest actions can lead to powerful change. Pupils will explore how a simple seed can hold a promise within it, linking the story's message to both the environment and their own lives. Throughout the unit, children will develop their understanding of language choices by investigating the impact of modal verbs and how punctuation can shape meaning and mood. They will also work hard to expand their vocabulary, crafting rich figurative phrases and experimenting with poetic techniques to create vivid imagery.

The unit will culminate in an exciting and creative outcome: writing their own sequel to '*The Promise*' in the form of a narrative poem. The children will focus on continuing the story cycle, thinking carefully about hope, change, and the consequences of keeping – or breaking – a promise.

Also, Check out Bug Club for more home support for reading: [Bug Club Reading](#)

Maths

This term in Year 6, we will be working hard to strengthen and extend our mathematical understanding across several important areas. A key focus has been on ratio, where pupils will learn how to compare quantities, scale amounts up and down, and solve real-life problems using proportional reasoning. Alongside this, we will begin solving algebraic problems, including finding missing values, forming simple equations, and explaining their reasoning clearly and logically.

We will also continue to deepen our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, with a strong emphasis on the relationships between them. Children will practise converting between these forms, comparing values, and using them confidently in calculations and problem-solving contexts.

Every day the children have arithmetic challenges and times table practice to continue to drive their fluency and their understanding of number.

To support with this it would be greatly appreciated if they continue to access [TTRS](#)

Foundation Subjects

PSHE – Dreams and goals - In this unit, we will explore the dreams and goals children want to set themselves based on past experiences, current challenges and future aspirations. They will understand the steps to achieve their dreams and goals.

Music – Dona nobis pacem sacred vocal music - This popular canon uses lyrics in Latin which mean 'grant us peace'. This song is beautiful when each part is sung together. It is often attributed to the composer Palestrina, but some argue that it was written by Mozart. It can be quite tricky to learn, and the melody spans a wide vocal range which will be a great challenge for our Year 6's.

Modern Foreign Languages – In my French house- Year 6 resume their French learning with understanding how to vocalise their household items and everyday routines in French.

Religious education – Is it better to express your belief in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? - Year 6 will be diving deeper into their religious knowledge by exploring the various methods of expressing religious beliefs and understanding which method is the most effective.

Computing – Data Handling- In an ever-expanding technological world, it is imperative that our pupils understand how to handle data in a safe and effective manner.

Physical education – The Titanic- The PE coach will be working with Maple class on dance-related exercise linked with the theme of the Titanic. PE will resume taking place on a Friday afternoon and children should come to school dressed in their PE kits.

Science – Electricity- Year 6 Science involves learning: to use electricity-based symbols; understanding voltage and cells; adding components to a circuit to create resistance and understanding how variable effects a circuit/ how to troubleshoot.

History – What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain? - In popular demand, Maple will be critically analysing the events of World War 2 and how they have shaped what Britain looks like today.

Geography – Where does our energy come from? - This term, children will explore factors that contribute to producing energy around the world and understanding how climate change can affect the creation of energy.

Art – Painting and mixed media - Year 6 will be continuing to explore a range of painting artists and contribute more to their final masterpieces inspired by using a range of media to portray a message in their art.

DT – Playgrounds - Children will be exploring the different structures that form their own playground and ensure break times for pupils are enriching, safe and exciting. I can't wait to see their playground designs!

Key information:

- PE is on a Friday afternoon. Children should arrive to school in their PE kits. A reminder for children to bring water bottles daily.
- Reading books can be changed at any time if the children request it and have finished their reading book. The teaching team check the books daily to identify whether the children have read at home daily.
- SAT's club will take place every Monday, 3.30pm – 4.30pm (unless notified differently!)
- Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and will be a mixture of the Rising Stars revision books and more focused activities as we prepare for the SATs tests in May.

Key dates:

- Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park - 21st January 2026
- Young Voices - 29th January 2026
- Trip to Eden Camp - 21st April 2026