

Autumn 1 in Maple Class



Dear Parents / Carers,

Our topic this half term is 'The Amazing Human Body.' Here are a few details about what we will be learning about in various subject areas:

Literacy:

During this half term, we will be using a text called 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will be using this book to explore narrative plot, settings, characters and to draw inferences. We will then be writing newspaper reports based on the narrative. We will also be exploring descriptive writing and poetry.

Within SPaG, we will be recapping some skills and learning new ones including tenses, types of sentences, pronouns and a range of punctuation.

In Reading we will be looking at a range of texts focusing on the skill of retrieval.

Mathematics:

Here are some of the key areas that we will be covering over the next few weeks:

- Representing numbers up to 10,000
- Partitioning numbers up to 10,000
- Finding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more and less
- Numbers on a number line
- Estimating numbers on a number line
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Rounding numbers
- Roman numerals

We will also continue our daily arithmetic and times table practise.

History / Geography

This term the children will be learning about the history of medicine to link in with their amazing human body topic.

During this unit, children will:

- Ask and answer questions about the past
- Learn about Edward Jenner and the discovery of vaccinations
- Order significant events in the history of medicine on a timeline
- Use primary and secondary

Science

This term the children will be learning about:

- Identifying and naming parts of the digestive system
- Explaining the functions of the digestive system
- Identifying the types and functions of teeth
- Investigating causes of tooth decay
- Constructing and interpreting food chains

We will also create a test, make observations and use scientific

sources of information to research the history of vaccines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discover how events in the past influence life today	evidence to answer questions.
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To help your children with their learning, you can do the following:

- Make sure they read daily. Try to engage with them about the book they are reading by asking them a few questions about what is happening, what they think might happen next and which character is their favourite and why. Read with them or to them when you can, this is still very beneficial even for older children.
- Make sure they practise their times tables as much as possible. Children in Year 4 will have a multiplication check at the end of the year for which they need quick recall. Times Tables Rockstars is great for practising this on.
- Make sure children practise their spellings in preparation for a weekly test on Wednesdays. Spellings will be posted on Class Dojo weekly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Reed and Mrs Owen