

AUTUMN 1

overview



YEAR 4 - MAPLE CLASS

Reading.

Children will explore *The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander, developing their comprehension and performance skills. They will discuss themes, language, and vocabulary, make predictions and inferences, and practise summarising key ideas. The unit will also give them opportunities to read aloud, perform with expression, and share their ideas in group discussions.

Writing.

This term, the children will be inspired by *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold to explore the theme of 'freedom'. They will write and perform poems using rhythm and repetition, before moving on to script writing. Here, they will learn how to write dialogue and stage directions, use the present tense, brackets, contractions, and noun phrases. The unit will end with children publishing part of their script on BBC-headed paper and performing it in small groups.

Maths

In Maths this term, the children will focus on developing their understanding of place value and using this knowledge to solve problems with larger numbers. They will also practise addition and subtraction, learning and applying written methods to build accuracy and confidence in their calculations.



Geography.

In Geography this term, the children will study South America with a focus on Brazil. They will learn to locate lines of longitude and latitude, explore Brazil's physical features and climate, and investigate human settlements with a particular look at Rio de Janeiro.



World views and Religion

In RE this term, the children will be exploring the question "What do we mean by truth?" They will look at philosophical ideas such as Plato's Cave, and consider different ways of finding truth, including evidence and scientific reasoning. This unit will introduce them to philosophy and encourage them to think deeply and question the world around them.

PE

Children will be developing a range of skills through football and golf. In football, they will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting, teamwork, and spatial awareness, while in golf they will learn skills such as grip, stance, swing, aim, and control. These activities will help them build coordination, accuracy, and confidence in sport.



PSHE

We will be learning about how to stay safe in different situations. This will include cycle safety, road safety, and understanding when and how we should use the emergency services. These lessons will help them build awareness and confidence in making safe choices.

Spanish

In Spanish this term, the children will be learning to use dates and numbers. They will practise saying and writing numbers with accuracy and use them to talk about days, months, and important dates.

Art

In Art this term, the children will be exploring the work of Yayoi Kusama and her famous dot art. They will create their own 3D clay pumpkins, as well as experiment with texture and pattern through printmaking using bubble wrap.