Maple Class Newsletter

Term 1

Term 1 Learning... This term our connector is 'Our place, Our Space!

Maths - We will be looking at 'place value within 10' exploring skills of sorting & counting objects, representing numbers numerically and recognising numbers as words, counting on from any number, understanding the terms less, more, same, greater, fewer and equal to, comparing and ordering objects and numbers and begin to use number lines. In 'addition and subtraction within 10' we will begin to use part whole models, write number sentences and explore fact families and number bonds. We will begin to explore problem solving using everything we have learnt.

English – We will be looking at Sentence-level writing, exploring our understanding of how to construct sentences focusing on transcription and letter formation. Our Grammar focus this term will be finger spaces, letter sizing & the alphabet. In Phonics we will be revisiting the Basics 3. Whole class reading will happen daily and reading comprehension activities will happen each week

Science – Our topic is Seasonal Change. We will look at Seasonal changes that occur during each season.

You can find more information on the rest of the curriculum on the class page of the school website.

Reading and Homework

At Eastling, reading is a huge priority for all of our pupils. In Maple Class each child will have a phonetically decodable book matched to our phonics programme as well as a colour banded book that is both suitable and challenging for their level of reading and matched to their phonetic ability. These books are to be read at home and to adults within school, so must be brought to and from school every day along with their reading record. We ask that you try to find time to read with your child as frequently as possible, even 5 minutes a day will make a huge difference! Please record this in your child's reading record, commenting on parts they enjoyed, how they read or any words/ vocabulary they found tricky! This is particularly important as part of our reading rainbow awards, where for every 10 reads at home of the school book, your child moves up the rainbow, gaining a certificate on each colour. After the last colour, it's 10 more reads to become a reading ambassador before beginning the journey again to reach bronze, then silver and finally gold reading status. There will also be lots of opportunities within school for the children to read books of their choice from either our class library or the school library.

Homework – Termly grid to be completed over term 1 (for example one piece per week). Each week maths and spelling practise will be sent home on Fridays. Children should be using Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings. Talk Homework to be discussed over the weekend to share the following week.

Dates to Remember

02.09.2026 – First Day of term
08.09.2026 – Parent Talk
18.09.2026 – Parent Phonics Talk
24.09.2026 – Outdoor Learning Day
25.09.2026 – 9-10.30am Stay & Play Session
16.10.2026 – Maple Class Assembly
TBA – Harvest Festival
23.10.2026 – Last day of term

Notices

- P.E will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit at school on PE days. Make sure all items are named.
- If your child is absent, please ring the School Office to report it as soon as possible.
- Any letters or money should be brought to school in a sealed, named envelope.
- I am always available if you have any questions or concerns.