

English (Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening)

The children will begin by studying stories in familiar settings and we will use these to help us write in sentences with adjectives and nouns, as well as capital letters and full stops. We will also study stories with repeating patterns and write labels, lists and signs. Other writing skills that we will develop will be using connectives, contractions and other types of punctuation. Non-fiction for this term will include information texts. We will also examine songs and repetitive poems as well as poems with pattern and rhyme. The children will have weekly handwriting practice to help them develop their letter formation, joined handwriting and sizing. Every week the children will participate in guided reading sessions to help them improve their comprehension skills as well as their word recognition and fluency.

History

As historians the children will be learning about changes over the past few decades in various aspects of life such as home, transport, communication, toys, food and music. They will compare the things that we use today with what parents and grandparents would have used and suggest reasons for these changes.

RE

Children will begin by learning more about God and what Christians believe He is like. They will listen to stories from the Bible and learn how these help Christians to understand more about God. Later in the term we will explore the Christmas story and rehearse for the Nativity. Children will explore symbols and traditions at Christmas and the importance of these for Christians.

PE

Children will have PE lessons on Fridays with Mr Grice from Amber Valley Schools Sport Partnership. They will develop their ability to follow a dance routine and will also improve their athletics skills.

PSHE

We will study is designed to encourage children to consider how we can use the internet in a safe and responsible way. They will also learn about everyday dangers in the home and outside, and how they can keep themselves safe. Children will also learn rules to keep themselves safe around strangers, both in real life and online.

Years 1 & 2

**How has the world changed
since our parents &
grandparents were younger?**

Term: Autumn 2025



MAPLE CLASS

Each class has a name of a native tree. Field maples can grow to live for up to 350 years. Insects love living on them and they are great at fighting air pollution.



PLEASE REMEMBER!

- Homework is due by **Thursday**.
- Spelling test is on **Friday**.
- PE is on **Fridays**.
- Please try to hear your child read at least **3** times a week.

**Thank you,
Mr Devenport and Miss
Mosley**

Mathematics

All children will use Power Maths to help them develop their maths skills.

Year 1 children will begin with numbers to 10 before moving onto addition and subtraction, then 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2 children will begin with numbers to 100 before moving onto addition and subtraction, then exploring the properties of shapes.

The children will receive weekly mental maths quizzes and will continue to practise their times tables. Please help your child to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and also 3 and 11 times tables for Year 2 children.

Science

In science the children will learn to identify different types of materials. They will also learn about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. Children then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They will explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times.

Art & Design

To tie in with our main topic, children will be sketching a variety of toys from across the past few decades and use different media to add colour. We will also use inspiration from different decades to produce artwork. They will also make some simple paper and card toys. Closer to Christmas we will do some seasonal artwork.

Computing

In Computing children will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives. Year 2 children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos.

Music

Children will investigate how the experience of music has changed over the last 50 years. They will look into changes into musical tastes, the different styles of music and how these are experienced. They will practise nativity songs nearer to Christmas.