



Lympe Church of England Primary School

Maple Class Newsletter Terms 1 and 2 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Maple Class! I am so excited to be spending another year with your children. I hope you have all had a lovely and restful summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead!

Below is a little summary of some of the things we will be working towards and aiming to achieve during terms 1 and 2.

English

In term 1, English will continue to be taught through the Drawing Club approach, which introduces new weekly vocabulary and stories, giving the children exciting ideas and inspiration for their drawing and writing. Our aim in term 1 is to continue building the children's confidence in writing simple sentences, while encouraging them to share their ideas and express their creativity.

In term 2, we have the exciting move to the Curious Quests approach! This is the next step on from Drawing Club, designed specifically for Key Stage 1 learners. It introduces key curriculum aims in a fun, imaginative and magical way, with a strong focus on developing the children's vocabulary, creativity and ability to explore and communicate their own ideas.

Phonics:

We will be continuing our journey with Monster Phonics, the children will be in a whole class group with lots of interactive games and activities, which will help develop their key skills, such as oral blending and segmenting and rhyme. Children will learn new sounds, as well as beginning to learn Common Exception words by sight. Further details about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Assessment in June will follow.

Year 1 Progression Map

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12
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	a, be, he, me, we, she, no, go so, to, do, today, I, by, my	love, some come, was is, his has, one once, friend your	the, of said here there you school	house, our where were they says are, ask, put push, pull, full	from, help back, animals will, this, that then, then with, went, off children, just	made, make came, like time, by, my I, I'm into, too don't	see, very day, have when, about out people	look, looked asked, could saw, all down now	Mr, Mrs what their little called	HFW REVISION	more, horse gone, live would school soon, food room	play, way, say may, away been, need keep, feet snow, grow window, know
	YEAR 1 CVCs			100 Hfws			200 Hfws			200 Hfws		

Maths

In term 1, we will continue to build the children's confidence and understanding of numbers. We will be learning about place value, counting, comparing and ordering numbers, before moving on to addition, subtraction and number bonds.

We will use lots of practical resources, pictures and activities to help the children understand how numbers work, before gradually moving towards recording their maths independently. This hands-on approach helps children to develop a strong understanding of mathematical ideas and gives them the confidence to explain their thinking.

In term 2, we will continue developing our addition and subtraction skills, focusing on numbers within 10. We will also begin to explore shapes, learning to recognise, name and describe their different properties.

Please see our [Calculations Policy](#) for more information about the methods we will be teaching this year.

Curriculum Overview

	Term 1	Term 2
Science	Seasonal changes	Every day materials
RE	Creation Who made the world?	Incarnation Why is Christmas important to Christians?
PSHE / RSE	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Differences
Computing	Using Computers	
PE	Rounders/Kwik Cricket	Circuits
Art / DT	Structures: Stable structures	Drawing: Exploring line and shape
History / Geography	Geography: What is it like here?	History: How am I making history?
Music	Keeping the beat	

PE

Our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday – Children will need to wear PE Kit with trainers into school on these days please.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent home in the children's Home Learning books every Friday, starting on 11th September, and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Each week, the children will have one short activity to complete. We would really appreciate your support with this, as it helps the children to practise and consolidate what they have been learning in school. It also gives you an opportunity to see what your child has been learning and chat about it together at home.

Please encourage your child to practise Numbots regularly at home to help develop their number fluency, recall of number facts and confidence with mental maths. Just a few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference.

In addition, I am always so pleased with any reading that you do at home with your child. Reading books will be changed every Friday, with the first books coming home on 11th

September. This could be reading with your child, reading to your child or simply discussing a book or piece of text together. Children will have a bookmark again this year to record how often they read, however the children are now collecting these to work towards a collective reward.

Snowy the Dinosaur

The children are SO excited to have Snowbell, our dinosaur teddy, joining us in Maple Class this year! Snowy loves going on adventures, so each weekend a different child will have the special job of taking her home and spending some time together.

When Snowy returns to school, your child will have the opportunity to tell the class all about their adventures. This will be a lovely opportunity for them to practise the Oracy skills we will be working hard on throughout the year, including speaking clearly, listening to others and sharing their ideas.

Snowy will also come with a special book for you to record some of your adventures together. We would love to see drawings, photos, maps of places you have visited or even some writing about what you have been up to. However, we completely understand that life can be busy, so there is absolutely no pressure to add anything!

Please could Snowy be returned to school by Tuesday each week so that the children have plenty of time to share their adventures with the class.

We can't wait to see where Snowy's adventures take her!

Diary Dates

All diary dates, including those for Forest School, can be found on the [school website calendar](#).

If you have any queries, please feel free to get in touch and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Miss Jessop
Class teacher