

# Maple Class Newsletter Autumn 2016



We will be exploring Ipswich Museum to hunt for evidence of Dinosaurs, our main topic this term.

We will also be reading the story 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' and finding out about Grace Darling and the history of lighthouses. We will be making models of lighthouses which will, hopefully, light up!



## Mathematics

We shall be following the primary curriculum which has a strong focus on number and fractions. Your child will be learning to read, write and order numbers to 100, carry out simple adding and subtracting, and recognise halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. We will also be learning to tell the time to the nearest hour or half and sort 2-D and 3-D shapes.

**PE** is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child keeps their PE kit in school and removes all jewellery on those days.

**Homework** is usually given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. It will include spellings, number work, written or topic related activities. All tasks will be short and hopefully fun!

**Home Reading Books** The children will be changing their own books when they come into school each morning when they finish their book. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary. In class our focus is on guided and shared reading.

## English

Hopefully, literacy lessons will continue to inspire the children to enjoy reading and writing this year. The children will be introduced to lots of new authors and different types of writing including poems, diaries and stories.

Phonics will continue to be a focus and your support with reading will be invaluable to enable your child to be a fluent and confident reader. I will be sending home lists of phonemes we are learning - please come and talk to me if you need any help.

## Other Curriculum areas:

- **Science** - Light and Dark, Electricity
- **Art and Design** - study of artist Paul Klee
- **Music** - The unit 'Ourselves' from Singing Express
- **History** - a mini topic on Bonfire Night combining history with poetry and Art. Famous people including Grace Darling and Mary Anning.
- **PE** - Dance, Games and Gymnastics
- **RE** - Leaders and Teachers
- **Computing** - writing simple programs
- **PSHE**—Relationships