



Maple Class Newsletter

Spring 1

Our Theme



Our theme for Spring 1 is "Homes and Habitats".

Have a look below at how we will be learning about all things Homes and Habitats across our curriculum!



My Communication

In My Communication we will be exploring Homes and Habitats through different texts such as Three Little Pigs and This is Our House, and Rumble in the Jungle. We will be learning to recognise the words, symbols and signs for key words within these texts. We will also be extending our vocabulary with functional words, signs and symbols.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving we will be learning about number, length and time.

We will use these skills functionally across the school day, for example measurement in cooking and outdoor school, following our daily timetable and ordering daily routines both at home and at school.

We will be working on number and cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.



The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be exploring a variety of homes and habitats across themed weeks.

We will continue to work on our independence skills: practising our dressing and undressing skills for PE and swimming and practicing our travel training skills with trips to the park and the library.



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activities across the timetable including sensory circuits, riding bikes and playing on the playground equipment. We will be practicing invasions games in PE. We will be thinking about parts of the body and which are public or private, and we will be learning about personal care and hygiene.



My Community

In My Community, we will be growing our independence in travel around the school and local community. We will be learning to walk safely with adults to the library and the park.

In school, we will be developing our social skills and learning to play with each other.



My Creativity

In My Creativity, we will be creating lots of different paint based art and exploring different ways to use paint. We will practice our fine motor skills by printing and painting to make beautiful creations and



Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Friday. Please send in a name labelled PE kits for us to keep in school (if you haven't already done so)
- ✓ We will visit the library and the park in small groups (days tbc) – please provide appropriate clothing for the weather.



Key Vocabulary

House/Home
Bricks
Straw
Wood
Toilet
Kitchen
Bedroom
Sleep
Eat
Drink

Attached are the **Makaton signs and symbols** to support our key vocabulary.



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Exploring homes and habitats with your child.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at gregoryl@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts