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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Maple Class!

We hope that you have all had a great summer and welcome you back to school for the start of our new term. We would also like to welcome five new children into Maple class and know that Zara, Danny, Juni, Sebastian and Austin will be well looked after by their new friends.

I understand that the transition from one class to another can be a little daunting for some children, especially where there is a change of curriculum involved and it may take time for them to adapt to this. Please come and see me if your son / daughter is finding this difficult.

Topic

This half term, our topic will be called 'I am Unique' and we will be exploring our senses, what makes us unique and learning how to draw portraits in different styles. Our topic will finish with a celebration of our learning on Thursday 18th October at 2.15pm where we would love you to come and share our work with us. More details to follow but please keep this date in mind!

Trips and visitors in to school

This half term we are hoping to have visits from the emergency services as part of our topic. This will be a hands on experience and in the past, children have loved learning about the jobs they do and exploring the vehicles.

PE

Our PE day will be on a Tuesday this year. It would be helpful if the children could bring their PE kit on a Monday and take it home on a Friday in case we need it on any other days during the week. Please could you make sure that all items are named!

Tuesdays!

On a Tuesday when I am out of class as part of my Deputy role, Mrs.Lynn will be covering me in the mornings. This will provide good consistency for the children as they know her well and she knows them well too. In the afternoon, they will have PE delivered by Just Do Sport and I will be teaching for the other four days.

Homework

The following homework will be sent on a weekly basis on a Friday with an expectation that it will be completed and handed in on a Wednesday.

Spellings – Children will have 10 spellings to learn which relate to the spelling patterns that they have been working on. They will be sent home on a Friday and tested on a Wednesday. They will be set spellings for the year group with an extension task for children who can already spell them.

Reading – Home reading makes up a crucial part of children's progress and confidence at this age, therefore we expect children to read at least 5 times a week at home with an adult. Each child will have a home reading diary for the adult to write in as a record.

We are committed to providing high quality education in a Christian context, in which our children can flourish and develop as well-rounded individuals.

Maths and English – Year 2 children will have a short English and maths task to complete at home each week and for Year 1 children, this will be alternated between maths and English. These tasks will be based on work that we have covered or simple challenges and are not designed to involve any actual teaching from an adult at home but to consolidate classroom learning. Feedback on how your son / daughter found the tasks is always gratefully received if you wish to write a comment about how they got on after they have completed it. This gives us chance to pick up any misconceptions with them in class.

E-Mail

If you need to contact me by e-mail, my address is nsawyer@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk. Obviously, I will continue to be on the playground at the start and end of each day where you can speak to me too.

Many thanks and here's to a great term together!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Sawyer
Deputy Headteacher