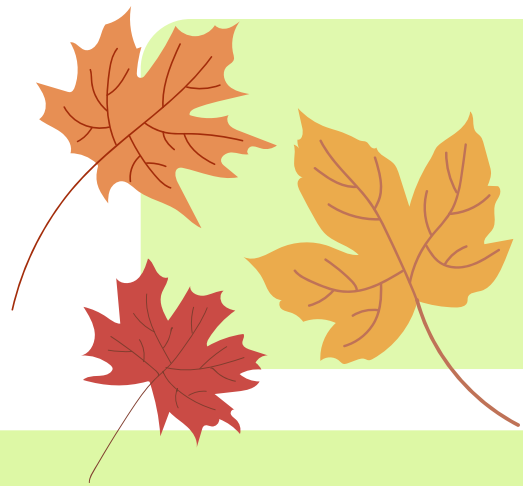




MAPLE GROUP

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Curriculum Newsletter



This half term our curriculum theme is London.



Literacy and Communication

Throughout the term we will use lots of talk, language rich stories and songs to aid us with our written and vocal communication skills. The books we will be reading this term are: The Train Ride, Choo Choo Clickety Clack, The Little Red Train - Busy Day and I Like Trains. These stories will also influence our small world play and creativity lessons. In phonics the children will progress through RWI phonics scheme.

further more we will be providing lots of images and learning different British sign language signs each week to aid the children ability to communicate their wants and needs.

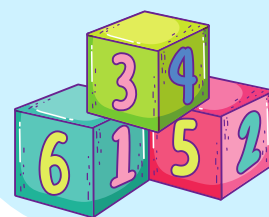


Mathematics and problem solving

In maths our main focus will be gaining a deeper understanding of numbers to 10 and 20, putting them in order and subitising. We will continue to learn to see the numbers within numbers.

We will have a strong focus on number bonds to 10.

We will use real objects, stories and songs to aid our learning. We will also learn to measure different objects in centimeters and meters.



How things work

Our How things work lessons include Science, computing and life skills. Our science focus will be seasonal changes and plants. We will use stories, toys, pictures and sensory trays to aid our learning; as well as hands-on exploration and practical investigations. In life skills the children will focus on learning about the importance of personal hygiene and getting dressed. We will use toys, songs and water trays to help us.



Creativity

This term we will focus on learning to sing and dance to music and discussing how music makes us feel.

We will also use our knowledge of shape to help create different pictures. We will particularly focus on pencil grip and cutting skills.



The wider world

Our wider world lessons include RE, Geography and History. This half term we will focus on learning about where we live and London. We will create a strong link between the mainstream classes by learning about London as a city, its transport and the emergency services. We will read stories, use pictures and videos to help us learn and use play to extend our knowledge and vocabulary.



Personal and Physical development

The children will have their PE lessons with their mainstream class which will focus on gymnastics. In Maple group the children will learn to understand and express their emotions and make decisions. They will learn to share and take turns in small games in the classroom and with playground equipment during sensory circuits. We will fine tune fine motor skills through playing with small toys, drawing, painting and cutting. We will develop gross motor skills in our sensory circuits using a variety of equipment.

