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"Together we live, learn and flourish."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our second term, we hope you enjoyed the break. This term we have a new big question to focus on, 'I wonder what makes a superhero?'. Through this, we will be learning about heroes in stories, such as the woodcutter in Little Red Riding Hood, Zog and the Flying Doctors and Supertato, as well as everyday heroes such as the emergency services. As part of our learning, the children will also be imagining what kind of superhero they would be.

Christmas Craft Morning
Tuesday 1st December
9am – 10am

Reading and Writing
We have one more week learning our level 2 sounds and then we will continue to focus on these sounds and use them to read and write simple words for the rest of the term. It is really important to continue to support your child's phonic journey at home by reading each night as well as practicing their sounds and using them to read and write simple words. Please remember to make a note in their reading record each time you hear your child read, we cannot emphasise enough the impact that regular reading at home has on a child's progress.

Maths
We will continue our focus on numbers this half term, looking at numbers 7,8,9,10. Please support your child by noticing numbers in the environment, asking them to count things out for you, practicing recognising and forming each numeral, recognising numbers of objects without counting them (subitising) or comparing the same number of large and small objects. We will also be exploring length, weight, capacity and volume.

Christmas
Of course, with Christmas quickly coming upon us, we have planned lots of fun Christmas activities, including learning about the first Christmas. Maple will be acting out the Nativity story as part of our Christmas church service which will be a very special event. We will provide all of the costumes for the children which will be worn over their uniform. In addition to this, the children will be joining Willow class for their Nativity as sheep and camels and we ask that you provide either brown trousers and top for the camels, or black trousers and white top for the sheep. We will let you know what animal your child is within the next couple of weeks. Please come and see us if there are any problems regarding this.

PE
This term PE day will be a Tuesday only and we will be doing gymnastics. Please ensure children wear their PE kit.

Forest School
Forest School this term will continue to be on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure children have long trousers and tops on and are dressed appropriately for the weather. We will be going out to Forest School in all weather, except high winds and thunder, so hats, gloves and warm socks will be essential as the weather gets colder. Please only send in items you are happy to get dirty!

Maple Parent Christmas Craft Afternoon
We would like to invite parents to a Christmas craft morning on Tuesday 1st December at 9am. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to come into school and enjoy an activity together. More information to follow.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th November	5:30pm – Christingle Service at Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis – all welcome
Tuesday 1st December	Maple parent Christmas craft morning 9am-10am
Tuesday 8th December	9:30pm – Nativity – Willow & Maple – School Hall
Thursday 10th December	1:30pm – Nativity – Willow & Maple – School Hall
Friday 11th December	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 16th December	9:30am - Whole School Christmas Service at the Church, Maple only Nativity
Thursday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas parties
Friday 18th December	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish

A few housekeeping things and reminders:

- Please ensure all clothing is named
- Please ensure your child brings their reading books, reading record, sound card ring and tricky word ring to school everyday
- The children need to bring fresh water (not juice or squash) to school each day in a named water bottle.
- Please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather as we use the outdoor classroom daily, this includes sunhats, raincoats, winter hats etc.

Please ask if you have any questions or queries.

Many thanks,
Mrs Hopkins & Mrs Duffey

Maple Class Autumn 2 2026

I wonder what makes a superhero?

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

* Empathy
*Team work







Communication & Language

* Listen attentively & respond appropriately
* Participate in whole class discussions



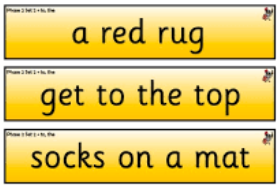
Physical Development

* PE – gymnastics
* negotiate space & obstacles safely
* hold a pencil effectively to write letters in own name consistently and out of context
* Squiggle while you Wiggle
* Dough Disco



Reading & Writing

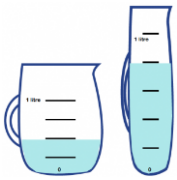
* Reading CVC words & tricky/HFW (level 2)
* Reading simple captions
* Write ILS
* Write final sound
* Identifying medial sound
* Supported dictated caption writing





Maths

* Counting to 7,8,9,10
* Developing spatial awareness including length/weight, capacity & volume



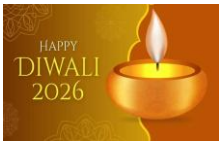




Understanding the World

* Talk about the roles of people in society
* Understand the past through stories – Remembrance/My First Heroes
* What is Diwali?
* Being a scientist: Loud and quiet / light and dark
* Helping people in our community









Expressive Arts and Design

* Landscape art (Megan Coyle)
* Collage
* Group art – fireworks
* Painting to music
* Emergency services role play
* Imaginative play – what is my superpower?
* Christmas crafts
* Clay Diva pots









Homework:

- Daily practise of sounds and words
- Daily reading of school book, discussing what has happened and why and what might happen next
- Counting up to 10 objects and recognising the corresponding numerals