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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 and Supertato, everyday heroes such as the emergency services and famous superheroes, including Frida Kahlo, Rosa Parks and Mo Farah. As part of our learning, the children will also be imagining what kind of superhero they would be.

Superhero Day!

Thursday 27th November

Children can wear a Superhero costume, of their choice, to school.

Reading and Writing

We have two more weeks learning our level 2 sounds and then we will continue to focus on these level 2 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, camels and camera operators and for this, we ask that you provide costumes. We have sent a separate message via school spider to confirm the role of your child/ren and the suggested costume. Please come and see us if there are any problems regarding this. We may use face paints for the performances, please complete the consent form below as appropriate and return to school.

PE

This term PE days will be a Friday only. Please ensure children wear their PE kit.

Forest School

Forest School this term will be on a Tuesday afternoon and led by Mrs Hopkins.

Maple Parent Christmas Craft Afternoon

We would like to invite parents to a Christmas craft afternoon on Tuesday 2nd December at 2pm. 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

Wednesday 19 th – 26 th November	Book Fair for 1 week
Thursday 27 th November	Maple Superhero Day – come dressed as your favourite superhero
Thursday 27 th November	5:30pm – Christingle Service at Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis – all welcome
Friday 28 th November	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Monday 1 st December	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd December	Maple parent Christmas craft afternoon
Tuesday 9 th December	1:30pm – Nativity – Willow & Maple – School Hall
Thursday 11 th December	4pm – Nativity – Willow & Maple – School Hall
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole School Panto
Wednesday 17 th December	9:45am - Whole School Christmas Service at the Church, Maple only Nativity
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas parties
Friday 19 th 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,

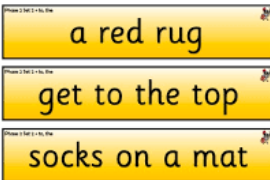
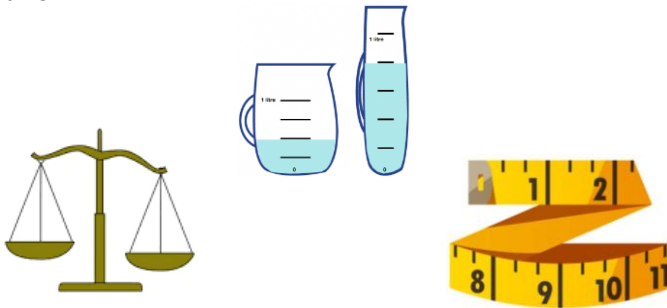
Mrs Hopkins Mrs Duffey & Mrs Cordell

Christmas Nativity Face Paint

I consent/do not consent to my child _____ (child's name) having face paint applied for the school nativity performances on Tuesday 9th December and Thursday 11th December.

Signed _____ Date _____

I wonder what makes a superhero?

Personal, Social, Emotional Development * Select and use activities and resources with help * Follow rules of the class & school * Talk about feelings 	Communication & Language * Listen attentively & respond appropriately * Participate in whole class discussions 	Physical Development *PE – Atlas Sports *negotiate space & obstacles safely *Parachute games *hold a pencil effectively to write letters in own name consistently and out of context *Squiggle while you wriggle 
Reading & Writing *Reading CVC words & tricky/HFW (level 2) *Reading simple captions * Write ILS *Write final sound *Identifying medial sound *Supported 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 * Recycling * Light & Dark   	Expressive Arts and Design * Colour: (<i>painting, ink, dye, textiles, pencils, crayon, pastels</i>) *Experiment with primary colours *Name colours *explore mixing colours *Learn the names of e.g. pastels/crayon *Use a range of tools to make coloured marks on paper *Focus artist – Frida Kahlo  	

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