



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Parent Information 2016-2017

Class: Maple

Overview of topics for the year:

Autumn

Forests (Geography)
Hockney (Art - Sketching and mixed media)
Leaves (Art and DT)
Y5 Science: Living things and their habitats
Properties and changes of material
Y4 Science: Living things and their habitats
Animals including humans
5s and 7s Rhythm (Music)
Scratch (ICT)

Spring

Inventors and C21 Design (cross curricular)
Saxon and Viking Settlement and Conflict (History)
Y5 Science: Forces, Earth and Space
Y4 Science: Matters of State, Electricity
Film music
Printing, Illuminated manuscripts (Art)
Chairs, Soups, (DT)

Summer

Exploration (History and Geography)
Y5 Science: Animals including humans,
Experiments – working scientifically
Y4 Science: Sound, Experiments – working
scientifically
Patterning and Colour – Klee, Marine Artist (Art)
Structures (music)
Healthy snacks (DT)

Planned visits for the year:

- Y4 Minstead residential
- New Forest Trip - October (tbc)
- Trip linked to Saxons and Vikings
- Trip linked to Exploration

Ways in which you could come and help us:

- Readers
- Help with all activities gratefully received
- Trip helpers

Snacks and water bottles:



Please bring in a water bottle. The children can keep their water bottle on their desk. Most children benefit from a healthy snack at morning break.

Staffing information:

Mrs Landen
Mrs Choules -Y4 literacy and numeracy
Tuesday to Friday –
Mrs Harding - RE Friday pm
Mrs Wetherell Y5 Science Monday pm
Mrs Johnson Y4 Science Monday pm
Mrs Brannigan - French
Mrs Maundrell – Teaching Assistant Y4
Mrs Montgomery – Teaching Assistant Y5



Homework routines:

- Spellings are given out on a Monday and tested on the Friday. Yellow books need to be handed in on Fridays. The children must complete **4** activities in their books each week.
- Numeracy and Literacy homework is given out on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday
- The children will be set Times Table targets at regular intervals with dates for testing in school
- Occasional homework tasks will be set (usually of a more creative nature) linked to the topics as appropriate
- Please encourage your child to read daily. Practising reading aloud is very helpful for improving expression. **We ask that Y4 children will be heard read at home by an adult x3 weekly and Y5 x2 weekly.** Reading records will be checked on Fridays. Please ensure children have their reading book and reading record in school every day. Children of this age still enjoy listening to their parents read a book to them!

PE days and required kit:



Thursday: PE – Gym –Dance
Friday: Games
Everyone needs an art overall