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Dear Maple class parents.

First of all I'd like to say a big welcome to all of my new children and parents and to all of those children and parents that were in Maple class last year. I have high expectations that this year is set to be one of the very best yet.

In term one our topic is 'Talk and tales' and as the title suggests we will be using traditional tales as the starting point for lots of exciting speaking and listening and writing. As before, the whole of KS 1 has been put into RWI/ English groups to ensure that all the children are working in an appropriate group to ensure that they continue to make progress in reading and writing. Each child will be provided with a reading record and 2 reading books, one will be a RWI reader and the other a reading for pleasure book. Please let us know how many pages they have read and also comment on their reading. Books will be changed at least 3 times weekly. I would appreciate it if the books were in school every day.

Maths in term one is focussed on place value and addition and subtraction. Number is a very important part of the children's understanding of mathematics and as such the first term will be spent ensuring that the children have a good understanding that will then be built on during the rest of the year. As before we will continue with the timetable system that the children are used to ie we will test the children weekly on a Friday and let you have the result. I will move the children onto the next table after they have scored 7/7 on 3 consecutive tests.

The afternoon sessions will include lessons in Science, history, geography, art, design and technology, music, R.E, computing, PSHCE and a twice weekly challenge session which will provide the children with some time to extend their learning and the flexibility to present their learning in the way they choose.

Our 2 units in P.E this term are Yoga and tag rugby. These sessions will be on a Monday and a Friday.

I will be setting homework on the google classroom on a Friday and would like to have it completed by the following Friday please. I will set separate year 1 and year 2 homework and will alternate English and Maths tasks. I hope to have it set up by this Friday but if not it will be ready by next Friday (17th) Our first tables test will be on this Friday (10th) I will send out a reminder of the times table that you should be learning this week on Monday (6th)

Please feel free to discuss any issues and concerns with me or send me a message and I will respond as soon as I can.

Thank you
Mrs Hart, Mrs McNama and Mrs Miller.

