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To Maple Class Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a merry and restful Christmas holiday, as well as a happy new year. Maple class has a very busy term coming up and I am incredibly excited about the learning over the next few weeks in the run up to Spring.

English

In our English lessons the children will be focusing on reading, writing and drama. Our core text for the term is *The Robot and the Bluebird* by David Lucas. The children will be immersed in a narrative based around a broken-hearted robot who is left on a scrapheap and eventually befriended by a bluebird who is exhausted and looking for shelter. The themes in the story are that of friendship, self-sacrifice and caring for others.

Maths

In our mathematics lessons the children will be continuing to build on their knowledge of place value, we will also continue to learn different strategies of adding and subtracting numbers. The children will also be learning about the money, as well as multiplication and division. We will also continue to practice the rapid recall of number facts in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

History

This term will have a History focus looking at how the Great Fire of London changed London. We will be looking at homes in the past and present, exploring the cause and consequences of the Great Fire of London. As well as, sequencing the key events and exploring how we know about the Great Fire of London.

DT

In our DT lessons this term we will be learning about mechanisms to make a moving story book. The children will explore mechanisms, design a moving story book and construct a moving picture. The children will then evaluate their finished product

Science

In our science unit we will be learning about every materials. We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, as well as identifying and naming a variety of different materials. We will also be describing the simple properties of a variety of everyday materials and comparing and grouping a variety of everyday materials.

PE

PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon, so please make sure your child comes dressed appropriately on these days. **Please ensure earrings are removed at home if your child cannot remove these themselves.** The focus this term is on outdoor adventurous activities and gymnastics



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Music

In our music lessons this term we will be learning about timbre and rhythmic patterns based around the theme of fairy tales. The children will use their voice expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will also play tuned and untuned instruments, and listen to a range of recorded music.

Life Skills

In our life skills lessons we will be learning about safety and the changing body. We will be learning how to communicate safely with adults; learning the steps to crossing the road safely; considering hazards at home; identifying which substances should or should not go in the body; learning what to do when lost; being aware of some of the risks associated with the internet and learning about appropriate and inappropriate contact.

Thank you for your support, I am looking forward to working with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hill

