



## St Blaise CE Primary School

### Maple Class - March 2019

We hope that you all had a great half term and are well rested after the exhausting but amazing production of the Wizard of Oz

Our topic this term will continue to be Natural Disasters - attached is a topic web outlining the work for the term.

#### Homework

Homework this term will be sent home on a Wednesday and needs to be returned on a Tuesday. Within their homework there will be English, Maths and a Topic based activity - It makes a huge difference to your child's progress if you spend time each week helping them to complete these activities. **Please continue to support your child this term in helping them to learn their times tables - the children must know these at speed as they are struggling with their calculations because they do not know their times tables.**

Spellings will be given out each Monday and tested on a Friday. Although the children practise these in school each day they need to be working on them at home as well in order that their spelling benefits fully.

#### Reading

It is essential that you read regularly and share and discuss books with your child at home, even when they are a free reader. Not only does this improve their reading but their comprehension of the texts that they share with you. **Each child has a reading book in class which are checked regularly - they need to bring these home to read each night but must bring them back into school each day for in class.**

#### PE

PE lessons will take place on a Monday and Tuesday (Swimming).

**ALL children MUST have a PE kit in school all week as at times it may be necessary to change the day; lessons will be outside where possible so they will need a jumper and long trousers for PE this term.**

#### Swimming kit

All of Maple will continue to be swimming throughout this term. Please make sure that your child has swimming costume/trunks (not below the knee shorts or bikini/tankinis), towel and swimming hat with them for the lessons. If you wish for your child to wear goggles during the lesson then you must provide a letter to state this fact - please make sure that your child does not have earrings in on swimming days. It is essential

that the children are able to get themselves changed quickly after swimming so please ensure your child is independent in this.

### **PE Kits**

PE kits **MUST** include plimsolls or trainers as many sessions are outside and even if indoors, games sessions such as football require the children to have plimsolls or trainers on. Please also make sure that your child has a t-shirt, shorts and/or jog bottoms and a jumper for PE along with hair tied back if your child has long hair. If your child has earrings they must either put tape (which you should provide) over their earrings for the PE session or be able to take out their own earrings.

### **Morning routine**

Registration is at 8.50am so your child must be in the classroom ready for us to start our day by this time. If you do need to speak to either of us at any time then we are always available at the end of the school day or please do make an appointment to see us at the Office.

### **After school**

Pupils will be brought to the playground. Often parents want children to walk home on their own. We encourage independence and support this but please ensure that you have taught your child their route, safety and they understand what to do if there are any issues. Please write to school if you would like your child to walk home so that we have a record of this.

### **Lunch**

If your child requires a school dinner please make sure that we have money in advance i.e. Monday for the week/number of days required. If your child is having a packed lunch please make sure that it is well balanced. Packed lunches should not contain sweets and fizzy drinks.

### **Uniform**

Please label all items of clothing. Uniform must be worn unless prior notice is given. Children are not allowed to wear trainers in school. Jewellery should be minimal. Nail varnish, make-up and tattoos are not allowed.

### **Christian values**

This term we will be thinking about Creation.

Mrs Kirkham and Mrs Leach