

MAPLE CROSS NEWS

28TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Please check out the blog and add a comment. The blog has updates on learning and what's happening in school.

LEARNING TALK

This week has been another focused week of learning for the whole school community. In assemblies we have been teaching the children how to identify barriers in their learning. The children are becoming more and more specific to identify the exact barrier.

The weekly cpd (continued professional development) for all teachers had a focus on challenge and how we can ensure all children are developing their mastery skills. More information about this and the other school priorities is on the reverse page.

Challenge question – rather than what is 5×2 , ask your child to explain **how** they know $5 \times 2 = 10$. To make it a real challenge **explain why** 5×2 is not 12.

ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Have you considered all secondary school options?
Open day on Sunday 7th October.
Details at RMSforgirls.org.uk

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Wednesday 24th October
3:30pm – 8.45pm
Full details with booking process sent out today.

ROAD TRAFFIC CENSUS

15th October – all day
Please note there will be a number of vans and counting equipment monitoring traffic on Woodland Road

NEWS PAPER CLUB - STARTING 5TH OCTOBER

Following our e-mail with full details about the club, please ask your child to come to the office and sign up if they wish to be involved in this exciting new project on a Friday lunch time. The club's aim is to produce a termly newspaper which can be sold in and around the community.

Open to children from Year 1 to Year 6

Primary On-Line Application System

Applications for a Reception place open 5th November 2018

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (S.I.P) 2018.19

During the end of last term and over the summer holidays, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) of Ms Trickett, Ms Majithia, Ms Bailey and Ms Fox have been analysing school data, reflecting on termly pupil progress meetings, scrutinising learning and speaking with colleagues to create the SIP. Over the two INSET days, at the beginning of the month, this was developed with all members of the school community. It was shared with Governors on Monday night and has now been approved. Below gives a very brief summary of the key aspects. We will keep you updated over the year about how the school is getting on and ensuring it makes sense!

PRIORITY 1 – TO RAISE PROGRESS AND ATTAINMENT FOR ALL PUPILS

- Mathematics
- Spellings
- Greater challenge for all pupils

PRIORITY 2 – TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING ACROSS SCHOOL

- Spelling post phonics
- Reasoning skills
- Use of Google Chrome books
- Reflection skills
- Links between reading and writing

PRIORITY 3 – REFLECT ON AND DEVELOP THE SCHOOL ETHOS

- Develop explicit skills and strategies linked to reflect, lead, aspire
- Increase the language of reflection
- Develop use of success criteria in learning (checklists)

PRIORITY 4 – DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ACROSS SCHOOL (PUPILS AND ADULTS)

- Develop language and skills of leadership
- Greater opportunities for pupil leadership

HELP!

A KEY FOCUS IS TO DEVELOP FLUENCY IN READERS TO SUPPORT BOTH THEIR READING AND WRITING. IF YOU COULD HELP BY VOLUNTEERING AND LISTENING TO READERS ON A REGULAR BASIS PLEASE SPEAK TO MS TRICKETT.

WE HAVE AN UPCOMING TRAINING AND SUPPORT SESSION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND WE NEED MORE PEOPLE!