

Maple Class Newsletter Summer 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely break over the Easter holidays. Welcome the summer term; the final term of year 5! I look forward to pushing on even further with the progress the children have made and making sure that they are as prepared as possible for entering year 6 in September.

The Curriculum

Our topic for this term is, 'The Battle for England 410 – 1066AD', covering elements of the Anglo-Saxons, Viking and finally the Norman invasion. Please see the planning overview for more detail of what we will be learning this term.

Homework

Homework will be set in the same way this term. A new homework grid has been stuck into your child's homework book if it is at school. If not, they will be sent home with a copy of the new grid at the start of the term. The new grid of spelling patterns that we will be covering is also stuck into homework books. Practising spelling regularly, particularly using spelling frame can be a brilliant way of supporting the children to improve their spellings further alongside the work we are doing at school. A combination of reading alone and reading to an adult or sibling is a good idea for year 5 pupils. I know many of the children know their times tables really well. If your child is still struggling, now would be a brilliant time to focus on learning the ones they don't know as this will really support them to succeed and feel more confident in year 6.

PE

PE lessons will continue to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday this term and weather permitting, all lessons will be outdoors. Please help your child to bring their PE kits to school on these days.

Online Communication

Please continue to use maple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk for any communication, questions or concerns that you may have and email the school office with information regarding absences, medical appointments etc. Also, I regularly update the class web page with photos and explanations of some of the activities and work we have done in school, so please do take a look: <https://www.bentfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/maple-class-year-5/> .

I look forward to another successful term with Maple class!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Winstanley