

# Welcome to Year 2



**Information for Parents and Carers  
of children in  
Rowan, Sycamore and Silver Birch  
Classes.**

## *Our Vision*



## *Our Mission*



We nurture all children to be:

- **Successful lifelong learners** who love learning, make progress and achieve
- **Confident individuals** who are able to live safe, happy and active lives
- **Responsible citizens** who make a positive contribution to their community



# **Year 2**

## **Teaching Team**

### **Rowan**

Teachers: *Mr Wells and Mrs Gowers*

Teaching Assistants: *Miss Stark and Miss Konashchuk*

### **Sycamore**

Teacher: *Miss Majurey*

Teaching Assistant: *Mrs Mumford and Ms Mischke*

### **Silver Birch**

Teachers: *Ms Brookes and Mrs Gowers*

Teaching Assistant: *Mrs Limalia*

## **Punctuality**

Learning begins as soon as the children are in school so please arrive punctually and ensure that the children are in class by 9.00am at the latest. Classroom doors are now open from 8.45am and we would encourage as many children as possible to be dropped off then to maximise their learning time.

Children arriving after 9:00am must be taken by the parents/carers to the school office where they will be marked as late. Kindly leave the site promptly in order that the gates can be secured and Health & Safety regulations put into place.



## **Absence**

If your child is absent, please telephone the school office as soon as possible **and** send a note to explain the reason for the absence on your child's return. Failure to do so will result in your child's absence being noted as unauthorised. A 'Leave of Absence' form must be completed to explain the **exceptional circumstances** for the request of holiday absence in term time. This will then be sent to Mrs Barwell for consideration.

## **Red Tray System**

Any money sent to school (i.e. school outings, sponsorship money etc.) should be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. Envelopes should be put in the class red tray, which is usually in the classroom by the door and is sent to the office daily.



## **Changes to collection details**

Please write down any messages regarding changes to whom is taking your child home on either a note addressed to the teacher, or on the clipboard near the door of your child's classroom. The initial 5-10 minutes as the children come in are often very busy and oral messages can get forgotten. If changes are made at the last minute, please contact the School Office so the class teacher can be advised.

If the class teacher has not been made aware of changes to the person collecting your child, we will first contact you for your authorisation. Our priority is to ensure your child's safety.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school. It establishes a clear sense of inclusion and belonging, promotes a sense of pride and helps to encourage positive behaviour and self-discipline.



The uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Red school v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo T-shirt – with or without logo
- School footwear should be black closed toe shoes and not sandals or trainers please.

### P.E. Kit

Please ensure that your child has a named P.E kit (shorts, jogging bottoms, t-shirt and

plimsolls) in a drawstring bag that can be kept in school.

It is Health & Safety requirement that all children change into their P.E. kits for sports activity. As your child gets older, we need to enable them to be more independent. Please support us in this by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves at home with as little intervention as possible.

P.E. kits will be sent home every half-term for you to wash and check they still fit.

- PE Kit
- Red shorts
- White T-shirt
- Black plimsolls
- Black or blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers for outdoors

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

### Jewellery

No Jewellery should be worn at school (except for medical/religious/cultural purposes – please seek an appointment with the Head Teacher to discuss this if it applies to your child).

If stud ear-rings are worn then they should be removed or be taped over with a plaster (provided by parents before school) for P.E.

Under NO circumstances will children take part in PE if they are wearing jewellery which is not appropriately covered. Staff will not remove or put ear studs back in.

## **Lunch Boxes**

We kindly ask that packed lunches are of a small size (no backpacks please) and are labelled with your child's name and class. Please remember that the school is a **Nut Free Zone** as several children have nut allergies. We are also a healthy eating school and therefore chocolate, sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed.



## **Free Fruit Scheme**

The children are offered a mid-morning snack of a fruit or vegetables, such as an apple, banana, pear, raisins, carrots or cherry tomatoes as part of the government initiative for children to eat more fresh fruit.

## **Drinking Water**

Being fully hydrated has been proven to enable us to think faster, be more focused, and experience greater clarity and creativity. Children are therefore encouraged to drink water throughout the day, and this is freely available in classrooms and during breaks from the outside water fountains.

## **Birthdays**

We celebrate children's birthdays in our classes with the children as well as at the end of the week at the Friday 'celebration' assembly.

You are welcome to attend your child's birthday assembly at 9:15pm on the Friday. (The school office will contact you to confirm the date.)

Please do not send in treats for the class on your child's birthday as many parents do not allow sweets etc. and some children may have allergies. Instead, if you wish, you can donate a book from home or buy one for the class. If you wish to invite children to parties, please hand out invitations in the playground before or after school.

## Our Teaching and Learning

Each half term we will send home a TOPIC WEB to keep you updated of our current learning topic. This is also displayed in the notice boards outside our classrooms.

## Home learning

- Daily reading
- Weekly spellings
- Mathematics
- Activities from Home Learning Grid

Your child will receive a spellings book that is updated every Friday with the spellings your child should learn by the following Friday.

Your child will receive a termly home learning grid linked to all areas of the curriculum. These activities will serve to either reinforce a learning method or to prepare for a future activity.

We encourage the children to bring in examples of their completed home learning activities for sharing with their classmates and ourselves during regular SHOW and TELL sessions in class.

## Book Bags and Reading

Please ensure your child's book bag is clearly labelled.

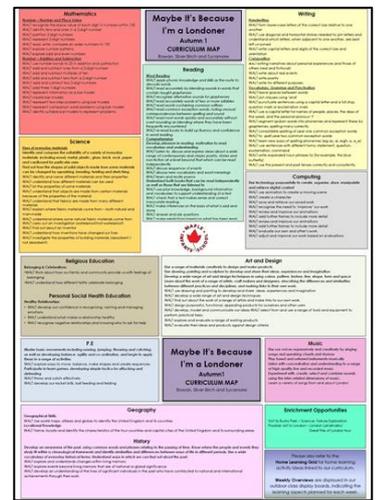
Book bags can be brought in and will be sent home daily. Your child will be encouraged to change their reading books twice a week. Most books sent home are chosen from a carefully graded selection and are regularly monitored and assessed as to their

appropriateness for your child. This is based on both

their confidence with the decoding of words using phonics, as well as the development of your child's varied and detailed comprehension of the text.

We value your comments about your child's reading progress and encourage parents to jot these down in your child's reading record.

Children will take home a library book from school on a regular basis.



## **Parental Help**

We really value your help and support at Maple Infants'.

Your help in class on a regular basis, or even on a rota system would help to ensure all staff in the Year 2 team are able to spend more time supporting all children throughout the day.

This support may be helping listening to readers, sticking work in books, helping to prepare work for display or helping children with some craft projects.

Please approach your child's class teacher if you would like to help in class and refer to the school office re: DBS checking.

## **Friends of Maple Infants'**

The Friends liaise between parents and staff and lead the majority of social and fundraising events. Parents are warmly welcomed and encouraged to contribute to the Friends' activities in any way they can. Class representatives volunteer or are nominated at the Friends' AGM during the Autumn Term. You are automatically a member if you have a child in the school. For more information, see the Friend's section of the school website

([www.mapleinfants.co.uk](http://www.mapleinfants.co.uk))

## **Finally**

At Maple, we are determined to ensure your child has an enjoyable and successful Year 2 experience.

If you need to see your child's class teacher regarding a query or problem, please come to see us at the end of the day after the children have left.

If you feel you need more time, an appointment can be arranged with the class teacher. We may not always be instantly available for consultation, but we will do our best to arrange a meeting either before or after school.

Please don't let problems build up!

We believe that communication between parents and staff is essential to create a positive learning environment.