

MAPLE HAVEN SCHOOL



Term 1 Newsletter



Music and the Arts

In Music, we've started our 'Arts Award Discover' journey. We've been learning nursery rhymes through British Sign Language (BSL) and exploring new instruments. The children have shown great enthusiasm as they sing, sign, and play independently, discovering their musical talents along the way.



Acorn Class

What a fantastic start to the school year it's been for Acorn Class! The children have settled beautifully, showing curiosity, creativity, and confidence in all their learning.

Learning Through Play and Enrichment

We have loved taking part in a wide range of enrichment activities, including swimming, horse riding, gardening, forest school, and animal care. These experiences have given the children opportunities to build confidence, develop independence and explore the world around them through play. Of course, we've also had plenty of messy fun – painting, digging, building and making lots of joyful noise!



Our Topic: Marvellous Me!

This term, we have been exploring our topic 'Marvellous Me', learning all about what makes us special and unique. Using mirrors, we looked carefully at our reflections, talked about our features, and celebrated how we are all different. We made faces from natural materials like stones and leaves, created mixed-up face puzzles using photos of pupils and staff, and even cooked 'portrait pizzas' to make tasty versions of ourselves!

Our Class Book: The Rainbow Fish

Our story this term has been 'The Rainbow Fish', which helped us explore the importance of kindness and sharing. The children have enjoyed thoughtful discussions, sharing their own experiences of being kind and helping others – we are so proud of how caring and considerate they are becoming.

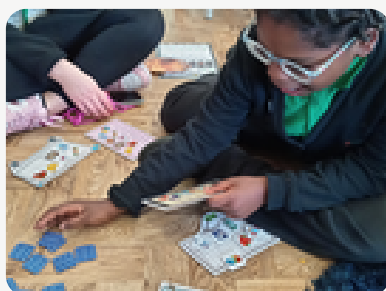


1234 Maths Magic

In Maths, we've been learning all about patterns, shapes and measuring. We've made repeating patterns with colours, stickers, music and paint, and explored shapes in playful ways – measuring around our hands with blocks, drawing lines on the tables to compare lengths, and noticing shapes all around our classroom. The children have been so engaged and proud of their discoveries!



This Term in Pictures



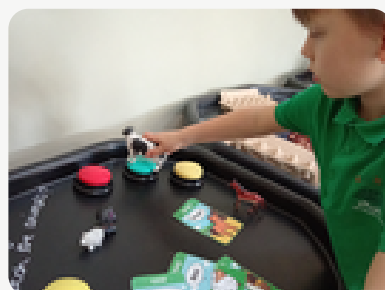
We have been enjoying playing turn-taking games with our friends, building on our patience skills.



We have been using our fine motor skills daily, here we are using pegs to support our number counting.



For PSHE we had to organise our healthy and unhealthy foods, this helped us to understand what we need for a balanced diet.

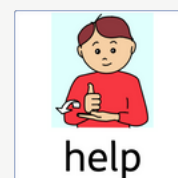
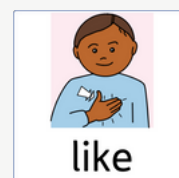
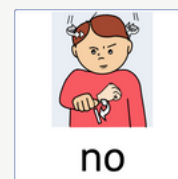
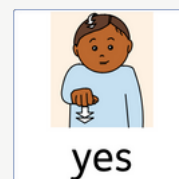


We have been exploring animal sounds in phonics, here we are matching the sounds to the correct animal.

The Core Words

We have also started an exciting communication focus called 'The Core Words', where each week we learn a new key word through songs, signing and stories.

So far, we've explored want, yes, no, I/me/my, like, help and more. The children are using these words confidently in their play and conversation – and many can now sign them independently in BSL too!



Looking Ahead

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved already this term. They have shown kindness, curiosity and creativity in everything they do. We can't wait to see what new adventures, discoveries and fun-filled learning experiences await us next term!

Upcoming Key Events

11/11/25 - The Gruffalo's Child - 1:30pm
4/12/25 - Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs - 10am
17/12/25 - Children's Christmas Jingle - 1:30pm

We would love if you could join us on the 17th December @ 1:30pm to watch our Christmas performance.



Thank you for your support

