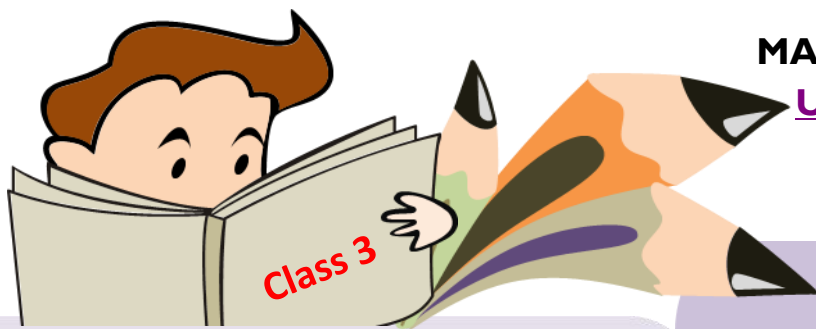




Dear Parents,

The final term of the year – how has that happened!? We certainly have got a jam-packed seven weeks including our athletics sports event, sports day, rehearsing and performing Shrek The Musical, shuffle up and secondary school transition days, the residential and our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Year 6 will also have their sex education sessions (more details will be sent out separately). All of this will be happening while we will try to squeeze in our everyday learning across the curriculum; we certainly are going to be busy!

Please can I ask that you spend as much time as you can helping your child to learn their parts for Shrek (singing and lines) so that they are able to recite their parts as soon as possible. The production is less than four weeks away so time is really limited, therefore I need rehearsals to be without scripts. All songs and lyrics can be found at www.maidwellprimary.net/shrek

I will also be sending letters home about costumes and props by the end of this week. The sooner we can get them into school, the more time we will be able to spend rehearsing with them. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to drop me a message using our class email address: class3@maidwell.northant.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Wake

Writing

This term, we will be using the traditional tale of Jack and The Beanstalk to support our writing. Our fiction focus is **suspense**. The children always seem to love writing in this style; there must be something rather appealing about writing in such a dark and mysterious manner to try and scare their reader and have the characters in some sort of danger. I have deliberately chosen a very short, simple version of the text to strengthen the children's verbal and creative skills when story-telling.

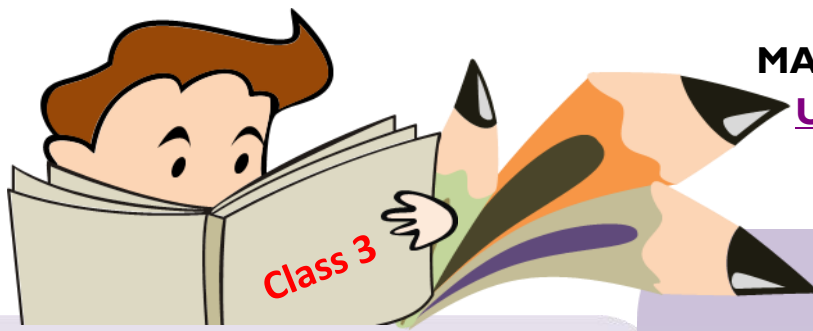
Following this, we will then move on to our non-fiction unit of **Discussion**. We will look at the structure of a discussion text which begins with an introduction into the subject being discussed, the points for/against and then a concluding paragraph. We will look at different language features used in discursive texts including sentence signposts to introduce a point; add on more information and to signal a different viewpoint as well as generalisers and words for showing opinion.

Poetry

This term's poem is entitled Soft As A Blanket by Mandy Coe.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)

The grammatical concepts we will focus on this term will include adverbials, dictionary work, relative clauses and parenthesis using dashes.



Reading

We will be enjoying Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll where I expect that the children become quite attached to Olive and Cliff as they embark on a journey to try and solve the mystery involving the disappearance of their sister Sukie. There are many twists throughout - characters don't turn out to be who you expect them to be and the book is a great way to strengthen the children's understanding of World War 2 which is linked to our history topic this term.

Our comprehension sessions will focus on various text types linked to Evolution which is our science topic for this term.

Spelling

The children will have a set of spellings each week to learn: this whole term we will look at various synonyms and antonyms.

As well as this, there will be 5 statutory spelling words from the Key Stage 2 list that don't necessarily follow a rule.

Further information about our curriculum can be found at:

<https://www.maidwellprimary.net/Our-Subjects>

<https://www.maidwellprimary.net/Long-Term-Programme>

Maths

We will spend this term looking at the remaining shape, space and measure units that haven't been covered this year:

- Algebra,
- Statistics, particularly line graphs, bar charts, interpreting tables and pie charts,
- Converting units of measure,
- Position and Direction (recap)– focussing on four quadrants, solving problems with coordinates, translations, lines of symmetry and reflections.

Science: Evolution and Inheritance

Computing: Bletchley Park and The History of Computers

History: Britain at War

Art: Distortion and Abstraction

Music: 'Kisne banaaya'

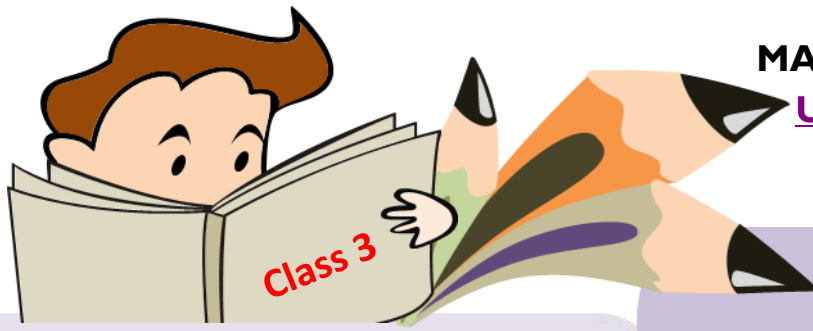
Relationships and Health Education:

Changing me (includes Sex Education content for Y6 children only)

Please see the knowledge organisers enclosed for further information about these subjects.

RE

Our key enquiry question for this term is:
What does it mean to be a Christian?



Spanish

Review and Progression of the year's units.

Thinking Classrooms/ Metacognition

Our metacognition focus this half-term is
"Picture this"

Yoga

Growth, Joy, Energy, Gratitude.

PE

Our planned PE sessions will be yoga on a Monday morning and PE on a Monday & Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on those days including their trainers and shorts/joggers. PE is a statutory, not optional, part of the school curriculum and as such, every step possible must be taken to ensure your child can take part.

Our units for this term are rounders and athletics.