

# Maple Class Newsletter

26/09/25

Another great week in Maple!

In Maths this week we began our new topic on addition and subtraction, refamiliarising ourselves with column addition and practising some useful mental strategies such as rounding to check our answers and using known number facts to work with larger numbers. We will keep practising these skills and apply them to some problem-solving questions next week.

The children have worked incredibly hard on their independent writing this week, producing information texts on a whole range of magical creatures to make our "Monster Book of Monsters". I can already tell we have a classroom full of future authors – a brilliant starting point for Year 5!

We also had great fun in Science this week, testing our parachutes to determine the effect of surface area on air resistance. The children showed some excellent "science talk", explaining the importance of our control variables to keep the experiment fair and evaluating how we could improve it if we were to repeat the practical.

Have a lovely weekend!

Katy and Maple Class



## This week's awards

Teacher awards:



Christopher & Nola

Presentation: Max

Star of the week: Noah



## Next week's learning



**Maths:** Column addition, subtraction & problem-solving

**English:** Writing: "Defeating the Monster" stories, Reading: "Anglo Saxon Boy", Spelling: long "i-y" sound e.g. occupy

**Science:** Exploring water resistance

**Topic:** How was Saxon England ruled?

**RE:** Forgiveness

## Reminders



PE Days: Monday & Wednesday

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Music workshop with local Soul & Pop choir