



Maple Class Newsletter

September 2023

Welcome

Welcome to Maple Class!

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday! We understand you all may be feeling slightly nervous ahead of this new academic year with some of your children moving from nursery to full time school placements, some moving from alternative schools and some moving from other classes, but please rest assured we can't wait to get to know you and your children more.

Firstly, I would like to introduce to you our new class team:



Jemma Dimmack- Class Teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)

'I have worked at Saxon Hill for 8 years now, undertaking many years of training along the way. Lots of my training has been specialised for Early years and love supporting the children to learn through sensory exploration and child-initiated play.'



Sarah Wootton- Class Teacher (Thurs)

'I have worked at Saxon Hill for 12 years and have experience in all areas of school from Early years up to Sixth Form.'



Eve Bryan- Teaching Assistant

'I have worked at Saxon Hill for 2 years now and have supported across all of school; from Early Years, right up to Sixth Form.'



Viktoriia Honcharenko- Teaching Assistant

'I have worked at Saxon Hill for 1 year now and have enjoyed supporting in the Early Years department throughout my time here so far.'

Therapies

We have weekly time slots for both Hydrotherapy and Rebound Therapy.

Hydrotherapy- Monday morning (Please bring in a swimming costume and towel each week if you would like your child to take part.)

Rebound Therapy- Thursday morning

Although we have access to these weekly we advise that we aim to take small groups of children on an every other week basis to achieve a more targeted approach.

Forest School

We aim to go to our forest school area every Tuesday afternoon. Please be aware that forest school will take place during most weathers and therefore please ensure your child has the suitable clothing for this. Please make sure you send a raincoat, wellies (if necessary), hat, gloves and any other waterproofs needed.





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Topic

This term our topic is 'All about my friends'. We will use this term to get to know our new class friends, and explore ways of making new friends. We will do this through turn taking games, sharing, story times, music and outside play. Each week we will base our activities around a book relating back to friendships. This will help to find new exciting ways for the children to explore the topic. Our sensory story this half term will be Rainbow Fish. As well as our topic we love to encourage the children to initiate play, we will do this through in the moment planning, whereby we allow the children to take control of their learning.

Daily Structure

Now that the children have reached Reception/Year 1 age we are going to encourage more focussed work times. Please do not feel overwhelmed by this, these will be short bursts of fun adult led activities throughout the day. We will explore communication, pre-phonics and early maths activities as well as foundation subjects such as art, understanding of the world and music.

Snacks and Drinks

As a school we offer fruit, milk or water during break times. If your child requires a different snack or drink please send these in labelled.



Home/School Switches

This year we are introducing a new way of communicating with parents/carers. Each evening, as well as sending home the diaries, we will also send home a recording switch where we will record on what we have been up to. We would very much appreciate it if you could talk back to us about what you have been up to so that we can listen to it with the children the next morning.

EFL

Each week observations of your child will be submitted on Evidence for Learning. Please take a look at these as it will keep you updated on what we are up to and the achievements your child has made. You can then comment and send your home photos in so we can see the achievements they are making at home.