

Useful ways to support learning at home:

Letter and Number formation

Please support your children to practise their letter and number formation. Our phonics scheme RWI uses rhymes to support letter formation e.g. a = around the apple and down the leaf. Your children will enjoy demonstrating their knowledge to you.

Regular reading

Support your child's learning by reading five times a week with them. Please sign their reading record every time you read then class staff will be able to celebrate your children's success.

Numbots and Times table Rock stars

Your children's login details are also stuck into their reading record. Please use the app to support progress with Maths skills.

THRIVE

CHOOSING TO LEARN,
GROWING SUCCESS

Staff in each classroom

Maple	Ms Marais
Rowan	Ms McAuley
School Office	admin@yewtree.herts.sch.uk



Year 2
Maple and Rowan
Spring Term 2—2025

Term Dates

Break up for Easter Holidays: Friday 4th April 2025 **1.15pm finish**

Easter Holidays: Monday 7th April - 17th April 2025

BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 18th April 2025 and Monday 21st April 2025

Back to School: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half way through the year! It has been a fantastic first half of the year and the children are continuing to work hard and enjoy school. We are very proud of them so far and know that they will continue to learn and grow.

The classroom doors will open at 8:30 and will be closed at 8:55. If children arrive after 8:55, they will need to sign in at the office and will be marked as late.

Please do contact us if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's work and school life.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms Marais and Ms McAuley

What we are learning in school:

Maths:

- Money—making combinations and finding change.
- Comparison (difference, more, less, fewer).
- Measures—estimation and measure using different scales.
- We continue to learn our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables as we work towards our Cracking times tables certificates.

English:

- Book week—The whole school will explore the book 'Hermelin' for the first fortnight of this half-term.
- Stories with recurring language—we will explore a new book whilst developing our sentence writing skills.
- Poetry—We will explore the poem What is Pink? By Christin Rossetti.

Reading:

- To develop our fluency and use of expression when reading.
- To continue and develop our love of reading stories of different text types.

Spelling:

- Children continue to have personalised spellings sent home weekly.
- Children are encouraged to use their Fred Fingers to spell phonetically plausible words and their knowledge of Red Words within their writing across all subjects.

What we are learning in school:

Science:

We will explore the 5 enquiry skills. We will research, seek patterns, observe over time, identify and classify, and explore what a fair test is.

History:

We will be learning all about King and Queens and what a monarch does. We will use a range of resources as we research and compare significant British monarchs.

DT:

The children will explore puppets. They will investigate finger puppets and glove puppets whilst exploring different fastening techniques including felt glue and sewing.

RE:

During our RE lessons we will explore the Easter Story. We will also learn about Passover and Shabbat.

PE:

Ball Skills. The children will be further developing their ball skills. They will continue to use their over arm and under arm throws to move a ball with increasing control. We will also bounce, roll, strike with a racket and our feet.

Music:

'Orawa' - We will explore beat, rhythm, repetition and structure within this 20th century classical music

Computing:

'We are researchers. We will be exploring the internet as we research. Online safety will remain a focus as the children develop their computing skills.

PSHE:

'Healthy Me': We will be developing our understanding of what our bodies need to stay healthy. We will explore what it means to be relaxed and what foods give our bodies energy.