### Curriculum Newsletter

# Spring Term First Half

## Maple and Birch

# **English**

In English we are reading our focus book 'Sindhu and Jeet's Detective Agency' by Chintra Soundar. We will be looking at the story, the themes covered and the characters.

#### Maths

The topics in maths are number and multiplication. We will be covering counting, number properties and multiplication skills.

## Catering

The topic for this term is 'Spring has sprung.' The focus for the students is planning and preparing a range of different breakfasts. They will look at different options, ingredients and quantities needed before preparing the food.

### Horticulture

Students will look at the different tools and skills needed to grow food in the allocated areas around school. They will learn how to plant things and then how to pick them when they have grown. Student will look at which food is best to sell when it is picked and which to make into other foods before sale as part of the Enterprise Project.

#### Art

Students will be doing artwork based on Pop Art, this will include looking at artists work within this genre and creating prints. This will ultimately be shown at an exhibition in school.

# **Computing - Passports**

Students will be continuing to work on their leaver's passports using research skills and word processing skills.

#### **RSE**

The theme for this term is reproductive health. Students will look at how to keep themselves clean, touching private body parts and staying safe whilst being intimate.

## **Creative Arts**

Students will take part in different types of music and dance learning about different aspects of these activities.

# **Young Promotors**

Maple class are working with Black Country Touring and have chosen the performance "The Zoo that comes to you" to be performed on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. They will be organising the event and tickets will be going out soon!

### Work Related Learning

This takes place on a Thursday and students take part in different work-related activities some in school and some off site. Some students will be visiting Nineveh Care Farm which is a working farm for young people with additional needs, Hawbush Community Gardens where students work on their allotment, and Baggeridge Park where they maintain the pathways and growing areas in the high ropes course area. In school, pupils take part in Enterprise where they make items which are sold at different school events, library and administration, hospitality and maintenance.

### Preparation for Adulthood

Students will be involved in catering, community engagement and the Pens Meadow Challenge which are a variety of activities designed to engage and challenge all pupils building on their life skills.