





Week beginning: 20th April 2026

This week in Maple

<p>Book of the week: Sam Plants a Sunflower, Jasper's Beanstalk, Jack and the Beanstalk</p> 	<p>Rhyme of the week: Five little peas in a pea pod pressed</p> 	<p>Happy Thought: Like a little seed, you're growing big and strong every day</p> 	<p>Sign of the week: Listen/Sit</p> The sign language icons show a person's hands. The 'Listen' sign is a hand held up to the ear. The 'Sit' sign is two hands held together, palms facing each other, with fingers pointing downwards.
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<p>In Maths we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning to compare objects by size (big, small, tall, short)• Ordering plants and objects from smallest to largest• Counting and showing numbers using our fingers• Talking about change over time (now and next) through growing plants. 🌱	<p>In Phonics we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring and making different voice sounds (e.g. ssss, bbbb)• Matching sounds to objects and beginning to hear initial sounds in words• Playing listening games to help us hear and remember sounds• Taking turns to create and copy simple sound patterns.
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<p>Learning opportunities: This week in our enhanced and continuous provision, the children will have opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore planting seeds and caring for plants, learning what they need to grow• Develop their physical skills through activities such as pouring, scooping, digging and mark making• Build communication and language through role play, storytelling and talking about their experiences• Practise turn-taking and sharing through games and small group activities• Investigate materials and cause and effect through water play and paint mixing• Develop independence in daily routines such as snack time, toileting and tidying up	<p>Help at Home: Growing at Home Please send in any photos of growing from home (e.g. plants, flowers, vegetables or garden activities). We would love to share these with the children and talk about how things grow</p> 
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<p>Dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 6th May School photographs• 11th May – We Are Healthy Theme Week• Wednesday 13th May Life Caravan visit• Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th May Ready Steady Pedal Visit• Close for Half Term on Thursday 21st May
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We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff in Maple.