

Reception

Enriching Learning

Spring Term 2026



Spotlight on:

Handwriting families

Each letter in the alphabet is in its own 'family'.

The handwriting families are - **Curly Caterpillar Family**, **Long Ladder Family**, **One-Armed Robot Family** and **Zig Zag Monster Family**. Each family shares particular characteristics that makes them similar. For example, they all have a curve, or they all have a straight line and a curved line. Below is a poster showing each family and the letters it contains. When learning to form letters, it is really important that your child knows where to start and end each letter. Sometimes, the letter may look correct, but on further inspection you may see some errors in the formation. Refer to these posters when your child does any writing at home. Or you may choose to set a timer for 5 minutes and get your child to practise a certain family.

Letter Formation

c a d g q e s f o

l i t j y u

r b n h m k p

V W X Z

Each week, you need to choose one of these activities to complete and in your homework book. Make sure you choose a range of activities (some from each box) during the term. Hand in on Wednesdays.



Literacy Activities

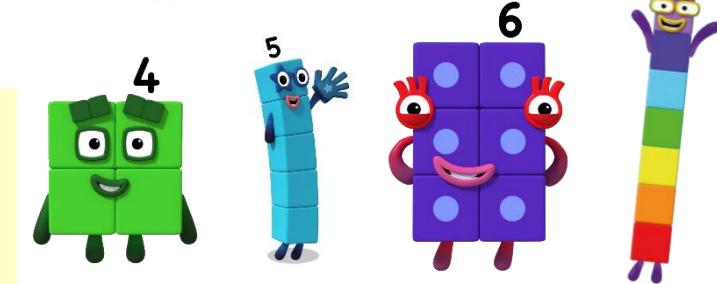
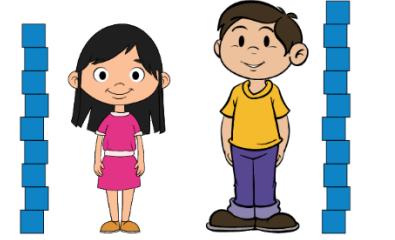
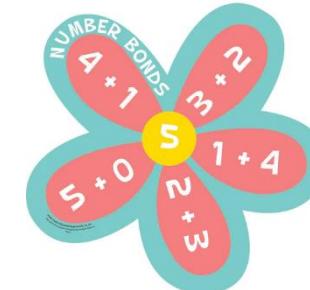
- Space stories – read a story about space. If you don't have one at home, you could visit the library or look online for a digital book (YouTube often has stories read aloud). Draw a picture or write a sentence to explain your favourite part of the story.
- Information books (non-fiction) – have a look at some non-fiction books (they could be about Space, or something else that you are interested in). What is different about them compared to story books? Write a fact that you learnt from one of the non-fiction books.
- Descriptions – choose a character from a fairy tale and write three clues to describe them. You might want to describe how they look, or how they behave in their story. The Maple Class staff will try and guess which character you have described!

Topic Activities

- Rockets – make a rocket using whatever materials you like! It could be made out of Lego, a plastic bottle, a cardboard tube, or anything that you can find around the house!
- Dancing – choose one of your favourite songs and make up a dance routine for it. You could even teach it to someone else in your family!
- Create a poster or video informing other children how to stay safe when using the internet and other technology.
- Make a model of your favourite fairy tale setting. For example, you could build a Lego beanstalk, or use a shoebox to make The Three Bears' house. You might even try to create Rapunzel's castle tower with kitchen roll tubes!

Personalised homework

Personalised homework is all about what you want to show us. Think about our topic and the events that are coming up and create something to bring and share.



Maths Activities

- Composition of 4 and 5 – how many ways can you make the number 4 and the number 5? You can use objects to help you and can record it however you wish (photos of the objects, number sentences, part whole model)
- Height and length – using Lego bricks, or blocks (make sure that you use ones that are all the same size!) measure the heights and lengths of various objects around your house. You could even use a piece of string to measure each member of your family and compare how much taller or shorter they are than you.
- Composition of 6 and 7 – how many ways can you make the number 7? You can use objects to help you and can record it however you wish (photos of the objects, number sentences, or drawings).