

# Rowan Class Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a good Summer. It has been lovely to welcome Rowan Class back after lockdown and the holidays and to hear their news.

### What we are learning this term:

This half-term our topic is all about 'The Victorians' - a history focussed topic. We will be studying Queen Victoria and her reign, life in Victorian Britain and especially what it was like to be a child living in those times. We will also be looking into some of the major developments and events. This will include studying famous Victorian pioneers and inventors and exploring the advent of the railways. We will also be exploring the art work of William Morris.

In Science the children will be exploring the topic of 'Light' investigating how light travels in straight lines and how we see things.

After half term we will be studying a Science topic 'Blood Heart' looking particularly at the heart and the circulatory system. During this topic we will explore how to keep our hearts healthy and make healthy-heart foods.

In RE our topic is 'Loving' where we are exploring how God is a loving God. As the term progresses we then move onto the topic of 'Vocation and Commitment' where we learn about the vocation of priesthood and religious life. We then move onto our Advent topic of 'Expectations' reflecting on how Jesus was born to show God to the world. As part of our other faith learning we will be exploring Judaism.

### Our English Learning this term:

In English this term we will be studying:

- Historical fiction and Short narrative
- Chronological reports: Biographies
- Persuasive Texts: Balanced Arguments
- Instructions and Explanations

We will also be revising the key Year 5 learning objectives in Reading and Writing within these units.

### Our Maths Learning this term:

In Maths this term we will be studying:

- Place Value to 10 million
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division methods
- Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Fractions
- Geometry: Co-ordinates

## YEAR 6 SATS

The Year 6 SATS tests take part the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022. It is essential that all children are in school that week as the tests are done on specific days and times set by the Government and cannot be changed or completed at a different time.

The children will take a:

- Grammar and Punctuation test
- Spelling test
- Reading test
- Mental Arithmetic test
- Two Reasoning Maths tests

There will be essential preparation and practice for these tests in class - attendance at school is very important. Towards half term the children will have an opportunity to sit some of the past SATS papers to familiarise themselves with the type of content and questions and also for them to see where their strengths are and areas they will need to develop.

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home from this week:

#### Tuesday

Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday to be learnt for a test on the following Monday.

Friday Maths and English Homework  
*to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday*

Initially, homework will generally be online activities to keep things being brought to and from school to a minimum and will also include some Year 5 catch up and revision.

On occasion there will be a written homework task or activity to complete.

### HIGH 5 READING CHALLENGE

All children should now have their reading record. In the next few weeks I will be asking some children to become free readers, so they can choose to read a book from home rather than from the scheme in school.

This year, we will continue the 'High 5' challenge - the children need to read 5 times a week for 5-15minutes. This is a focus to help develop a good reading routine for the children and help them to build on their reading skill and understanding.

**Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record book to show that they have done their reading.**

### GAMES

Rowan Class Games will take place on Thursday and Friday

For the time being, we are asking all children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. This is to eliminate the need for changing and lower the risk of infection spreading. It is recommended that on these days, you send a spare pair of socks and shoes in with your child to avoid them having wet feet for the remainder of the day. If the weather looks like it's going to be wet, please send children in wearing navy/ black jogging bottoms over their shorts and a black/navy sweatshirt or hoody as we will be doing PE outside as much as possible.

Those children that are also taking part in the After-School football club on Fridays can bring their football boots, socks and shin pads to change into, but no football kit as they will already be in their school games kit.

### VICTORIAN LIVING HISTORY DAY

Date: to be confirmed

Towards the end of our Victorian topic we will have a Living History Day in school.

For this the children will need to come to school dressed as a Victorian.



Costumes do not need to be elaborate:

Girls: a dark dress or blouse and skirt with an apron or shawl

Boys: trousers (could be school trousers) shirt and scarf

I will confirm the date nearer the time, but if all goes according to plan this activity day will take place the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October.