

# Rowan Class Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK

I hope you have all had a good Easter break and have been able to meet up with friends and family as restrictions begin to lift. I was very excited to eat and drink out – even though I had to wear many layers to keep warm!!

### What we are learning this term:

This half term we will be completing the Geography aspect of our 'ID' topic. Last term we spent time exploring what makes up our identities, this term we will be exploring the identity of our local community. We will develop our map skills creating sketch maps of our local area, using 6 figure grid references to locate places within our local area, revising map symbols and undertaking a noise and traffic survey in different areas of the village.

We will then move onto our 'Hola Mexico!' topic with a geography and history focus. We will spend the first part of this topic studying Mexico and its physical and human geography and its culture of music, dance and festivals. We will explore Mexican food as part of our Design and Technology work and create Mexican inspired patterns. We will then travel back in time to the ancient Maya civilisation finding out about what life was like then. In Art we will explore Maya Art creating a Maya mask, and sculpting a Maya stela.

In RE our topic is 'Witnesses' where we will explore the events of Pentecost and the work of the disciples as witnesses of Christ. As the term progresses, we will move onto the topics of 'Healing' and 'Common Good' as well as exploring other faiths.

In Science, we will be moving onto our 'Electricity' topic where we explore major discoveries in electricity, make circuits explaining the effects of differing volts in a circuit. We will use electrical symbols to record the circuits we investigate.

### Our English Learning this term:

In English this term we will be studying:

- First and third person narratives
- Non-chronological Reports
- Stories from other Cultures: Maya Legends and Myths
- Journalistic Reporting
- Persuasion

### Our Maths Learning this term:

In Maths this term we will be studying:

- Measurement
- Ratio and Proportion
- Geometry: Properties of Shape
- Statistics – Pie Charts, Line graphs, Calculating the mean

## HOMEWORK REMINDERS

Homework will usually be as follows:

### Tuesday

Spelling List sent home to learn for a test on Monday

### Friday

Maths and English Homework set through Google Classroom.

*This homework will need to be handed in by the following Thursday*

## GAMES

Rowan Class Games will take place on Thursday and Friday

All children are to still 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.

Hopefully, we shall start to see the warmer weather now that Spring is here. However, 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. On those days, a spare jumper and spare socks would be highly recommended so that the children can change into something dry when they return to class.

### WALK ROUND OUR LOCAL AREA

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

I would like to take the children for a walk around the village to undertake our noise and traffic surveys for the geography part of our ID topic on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Please email me at

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with your permission for me to take the children on this walk.

Thank you

### PGL Residential to Barton Hall

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you to those of you who have let me know if you are happy for your child to come on this residential.

According to the Government roadmap May 17<sup>th</sup> is the date when it will be agreed if residential can go ahead. If this goes ahead as planned, we will then need final approval from our Academy Trust. I will let you know what is happening as soon as we are able after the 17<sup>th</sup>.