

# Rowan Class Newsletter

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing Christmas, despite the quite different circumstances we are in. It has been lovely to welcome Rowan Class back after the holidays and hear their news although one day later we were in lockdown 3. However we are still will aiming to cover the planned themes for this term.

### What we are learning this term:

This half term our topic is called 'Frozen Kingdom' - a geography focussed topic - with a particular focus on the features of the Polar Regions. In Science we will be exploring the living things found in these habitats and how they have adapted to the environment, as well as learning how scientists classify and identify living things. We will also be exploring the Inuit people, their traditions and Artwork. We will learn about Polar Exploration and in Design and Technology we will design and make a hat fit for a polar exploration!

After half term we will be studying a Science topic 'ID' looking particularly at Science Classification, Families and Inheritance. In Art and Design, we will be exploring portraits and portrait artists to inspire us to create our own portrait artwork.

In RE our topic is 'Sources' where we will explore the Bible as the story of God's love, told by the people of God. As the term progresses, we will move onto the topics of 'Unity' (Eucharist) and 'Death and New Life' (our Lenten topic)

### Our English Learning this term:

In English this term we will be studying:

- Non-chronological Reports
- Chronological Report – Diary Writing
- Stories from other Cultures
- Journalistic Reporting
- Discussion Texts
- Narrative

### Our Maths Learning this term:

In Maths this term we will be studying:

- Dividing Fractions and calculating fractions of amounts
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Measurement
- Algebra
- Sequences
- Ratio
- Shape
- Pie Charts

## YEAR 6 NO SATS!

The children have already taken some practice SATS papers in Reading, Grammar and Maths and we had planned to do another one this half-term, so that they continue to grow more familiar with their content and expectation.

However, as you know SATS tests have now been cancelled for May 2021 but teachers will have to assess the children so the work they do this term will be important for informing me the assessment grades at the end of the year. We will continue to practise and prepare for these tests so good attendance at school is vital.

We had planned to have Booster sessions with Mrs Kent in Reading and with me in Maths, and this is something that we still hope to do either via google meet group sessions or with those working in school.

## 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.

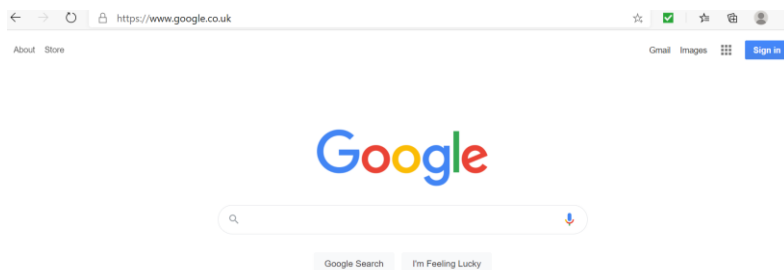
*This homework will need to be handed in by the following Thursday*

This term the English homework will be a reading comprehension and the maths will continue to be an activity to complete on IXL.

We will be using Google classroom platform for all learning.

We had a very quick practice run just before Christmas and some children managed to complete the maths activity over the Christmas holidays.

You can access Google classroom via a laptop, computer, i-pad, xbox, playstation or tablet. If you need further support on doing this please email me so I can send the details. On computer devices, you will need to open a google internet browser window, so that you can click on the 'sign in' box in the top right-hand corner.



## GAMES FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL

Rowan Class Games will take place on Thursday and Friday

All children are to come to school in uniform and in 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. On those days, a spare jumper would be highly recommended so that the children can change into a warm dry jumper when they return to class.