

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. They have quickly settled into the new routines of hand washing really well.

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 'Creation' where we are exploring the story of Moses. As the term progresses we then move onto the topic of 'Sacraments', 'Prayer, Saints and Feasts' and 'Advent'

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

We will also be revising the key Year 5 learning objectives which includes work on negative numbers, shape and angles as well as the areas above.

YEAR 6 SATS

The Year 6 SATS tests take part the week of May 10th 2021. 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. Some children are free readers, so can choose to read a book from home and some have been given a book to read.

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.

PREFECTS

Year 6 children have the opportunity to apply to be a prefect if they wish.

Even though school is quite different at the moment, we would still like to have prefects.

In the past, prefects have had a range of responsibilities, such as: class ambassadors, corridor and line monitors, 'school tour guides' and assembly leaders.

Obviously, in the current climate they will not be able to take on all these responsibilities but we will be amending and introducing other jobs and roles.

For those children wishing to become a prefect I will be asking them to write a letter of application to Mrs Christopher, explaining why they want to be a prefect and why they would be a good choice.

Letters of application need to be given to me by Thursday 24th March.