

Rowan Class Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a super Summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome Rowan Class back after 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 '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
- Biographies
- Persuasive Texts
- Instructions and Explanations
- Non-chronological reports

Our Maths Learning this term:

In Maths this term we will be studying:

- Place Value to 1 million
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division methods
- Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Fractions

YEAR 6 SATS

The Year 6 SATS tests take part the week of May 11th 2020. 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 handed in by the following Wednesday

HIGH 5 READING CHALLENGE

All children should now have a reading book and reading record. This year, we have introduced the 'High 5' challenge - this means that the children need to read 5 times a week for 10-15minutes.

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 PE will take place on Tuesday.

The children need their full PE kit in school. They may wear trainers for their Games session with Mr Kelly on a Thursday. It would be a good idea for children to have an extra pair of socks in their PE kit, just in case their feet get wet when outside, as well as a navy tracksuit for when the weather gets colder.

PENCIL CASES REMINDER

As you know the children can bring a pencil case to school. Please ensure that it is a small pencil case that does not take up too much room in their tray. They may have a pencil, pen, highlighters, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and if there is room felt tips / colouring pencils / gel pens. These final items are not essential!

METACOGNITION FOCUS

One of our main focuses this year is to develop the use of metacognition encouraging the children to recognise their strengths and weaknesses and explore and know the strategies that enable them to learn effectively. We will be encouraging the children to 'think about their thinking!' and explore ways to become self-regulated, self-motivated learners that can employ effective strategies to help them learn.