

Rowan's Autumn Newsletter



English

To start with we will be writing a non-chronological report based on different creatures and insects from our class text and linked to our science topic. Our English work will then focused around our Victorian topic. We will look at other genres of writing including writing from another perspective, diary writing and instructions. The children will be focusing on making effective vocabulary choices and using punctuation correctly. There will also be emphasis on children's presentation.

Maths

In maths we will be beginning with place value, recognising roman numerals and understanding the values in 5 digit numbers. We will then focus on addition and subtraction, looking and methods and then applying this to reason and solve problems. Children will also continue with developing their arithmetic and times table skills.

Science

Year 4's science topic this half term will be sound. They will identify how sounds are made; recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and know that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. They will learn this through a variety of different ways, carrying out investigations, experiments and research.

Year 5's science topic will be the solar system. This will provide children with an overview of Earth and its place in our Solar System. Children will learn the name of the planets and be able to compare them. They will also learn how night and day occur and investigate the different phases of the moon. Children will discover the relationship between the sun and planets and explain how the planets orbit the Sun.

Topic

This term Rowan is learning about the Victorian era including Queen Victoria and the royal family; children in Victorian Britain; the industrial revolution and everyday life.

Art

Linking to our topic, children will be exploring the art work of the Victorian designer, William Morris. They will design and create their own wallpaper based upon his work.

PE

Rowan's PE will be football, tag rugby and indoor athletics. PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure you bring outdoor and indoor PE kit on a Monday and have it with them in school for the whole week.

RE

Children will learn about the creation story and will be exploring and recognising the importance of the creation story to Christians.

Computing

Our first computing focus will be E-safety. Children will be consolidating their understanding of how to be safe when online.

Things to remember

Rowan children will have their arithmetic tests on a Wednesday, so they will need to bring in their arithmetic journals with their completed homework on the same day. Children must bring their home reading journals in on a Thursday so they can be read by Miss Day. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the children will be tested on them every two weeks.

Thank you,

Miss Z Day