



# Rowan Class Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Here is a summary of what your child will be learning this half term:

**Our topic this half term will be 'Misty Mountains'.**

## **English**

During this half term, the children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills, including using drama and improvisation to explore stories and characters' thoughts and feelings. We will begin by reading the book 'The Hobbit' by J.R.R. Tolkien. We will explore the author's style and the language he uses to help us improve our own narrative writing. We will then be writing fictional instructions linked to The Hobbit. Later in the half term, we will be exploring list poems and kennings.

**Please ensure that your child continues to read widely at home and encourage them to respond in their Home Reading Journals which will be checked on Thursdays.**

## **Maths**

In Maths this half term, Year 4/5 children will be:

- Recall multiplication and division facts for the times tables up to 12 x 12
- Multiply 2-digit and 3-digit/4-digit numbers by a 1-digit/2-digit number using formal written methods
- [Divide numbers up to 4-digits by a 1-digit number using formal written methods](#)
- [Identify multiples, factors and prime numbers](#)
- Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure in cm and m
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares

**Please support your child in consolidating these Maths skills at home.**

## **Science**

### **Y4**

In Science, Year 4 children will be developing their 'working scientifically' skills through their learning about materials. They will be continuing to compare and group materials together according to their state (solid, gas or liquid) and they will also be observing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.

### **Y5**

In Science, Year 5 children will be developing their 'working scientifically' skills through their learning about materials. They will be continuing to compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties, use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated and explore reversible and irreversible changes.

## **Computing**

The children will be learning how to effectively search using the internet and they will create a simple animation.



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## **Geography**

In Geography this half term, the children will be learning about the physical geography of mountains and the water cycle. They will also be developing their ability to locate the world's countries by using maps, atlases and globes.

## **Music**

The children will be learning how to play the guitar through Warwickshire County Music Services.

## **Art**

We will be developing our drawing skills this half term. We will be looking particularly at how pattern can be used to create different effects.

## **RE/PSHE**

In RE, our topic is Islam. We will be finding out more about the beliefs and values of Islam, especially the importance of prayer.

Our PSHE theme is 'Going for Goals'. This theme focuses on children becoming effective learners by reflecting, problem-solving and setting achievable goals.

## **PE**

On Fridays, we will be developing our gymnastic skills in PE. On Wednesdays, the children will be coached by Top Score.

## **Notes and Reminders**

Home reading scheme books may be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays but the children can choose extra books from the library and the class book case if they wish to. Home Learning will be issued on a Thursday or Friday to be returned on the date specified. P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school for the whole week, and earrings need to be either taken out or covered with plasters.

This newsletter only gives a brief outline of our topics this half term – if you need any further information about any aspect of the curriculum or your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Thank you!**

**Mrs J.E. Hewitt**