



# Rowan Class Spring Term 2 Newsletter



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

## **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 writing fictional instructions linked to The Hobbit. We will then explore well known traditional/fairy tales, such as The Princess and the Pea and The Three Little Pigs, but consider them from an alternative character's viewpoint. Later in the half term, we will be writing newspaper reports based on the tales we have read.

**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:

- Recognise and show common equivalent fractions
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator **and denominators that are multiples of the same number**
- Recognise and write decimal equivalents to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and any number of tenths/hundredths
- Explore dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100
- Compare and round decimals
- **Recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert between**
- **Multiply fractions by whole numbers**
- **Understand and write percentages as fractions and decimals**

**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 living things and their habitats. They will be grouping living things in a variety of ways using classification keys to help and the children will explore examples of human impact on environments.

### **Y5**

In Science, Year 5 children will be developing their working scientifically skills through their learning about life cycles. They need to describe the life processes and differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.



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## **Computing**

The children will be continuing their learning on online safety by creating presentations to emphasise key messages. They will also discover the different parts of a computer.

## **Music**

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

## **D&T**

In D&T, we will be developing their understanding of more complex free standing structures and how they can be strengthened and reinforced to create marble runs.

## **RE/PSHE**

In RE, our topic is Salvation. We will be exploring the key question: What did Jesus do to save human beings?

Our PSHE theme is 'Good to be Me'. This theme focuses on the children understanding their feelings as well as considering their strengths and weaknesses as learners.

## **PE**

On Fridays, we will be continuing to develop 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 can earrings 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**