



Rowan Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1



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. We will be continuing to 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. We will also be learning how to write explanation texts through our science learning.

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 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
- Measure and calculate the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes
- Present and interpret data in charts and graphs
- 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 as well as learning the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Science

Y4

In Science, Year 4 children will be developing their working scientifically skills through their learning about electricity. During this unit, the children will be constructing a simple series electrical circuit and they will be exploring conductors and insulators.

Y5

In Science, Year 5 children will be developing their working scientifically skills through their learning about Earth and space. During this unit, the children will learn how to describe the movement of Earth, including its moon, and the other planets in the solar system.



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Computing

The children will be using 2Simple programs to create spreadsheets and databases.

Music

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

D&T

In D&T, we will be continuing to develop 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 People of God. We will be exploring the key question: What is it like to follow God?

Our PSHE theme is 'Relationships'. This theme focuses on the children understanding their feelings within the context of our important relationships, including family and friends.

PE

On Tuesdays, the children will develop their cricket skills through lessons from a cricket coach. 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 please?

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