



Rowan Class Summer Term Newsletter - second half

6 June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the final half term of the year and our last topic – ‘Get Creative!’ – which involves using art to inspire writing. We will be looking at the life and work of Andy Goldsworthy a well-renowned artist famous for creating outdoor sculptures made from natural materials.

Curriculum:

Mathematics - Year 4: will complete work on recording coordinates of shapes and move on to work with bar charts and graphs and then measure the area and perimeter of rectangles.

Year 5: will convert between metric units, work with prime numbers, measure perimeter and area and estimate volume. Both year groups will use all four operations to solve problems and continue to use reasoning to explain their findings. They will also revisit any insecure areas from this year.

In **English**, our poetry writing will be linked to the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy and the children will also write a biography about his life. We will continue to use the rabbits as an inspiration for descriptive writing to consolidate the grammar and punctuation work being done this term.

Grammar and punctuation – Both year groups will explore different ways to enhance sentences through adding a greater variety of vocabulary and punctuation.

Spelling – Year 4 will work with words with the ‘sc’ letter string and practise further with prefixes and suffixes. Year 5 will further explore homophones and practise strategies for spelling. They will also revisit any aspects from this year which are insecure.

In **science**, Year 5 will describe the changes as humans develop to old age and compare these with other animals then go on to learn about forces including how pulleys and gears enhance the performance of machines. Year 4 will look at the digestive system, including teeth and follow this by studying electrical circuits.

In **RE** children will learn about the religious pilgrimages Christians and Muslims take.

ART – Andy Goldsworthy will be the inspiration for land sculptures using natural materials which will form a poetry trail in the school grounds.

D&T – The children will be creating a light summer meal using seasonal ingredients.

PE – There will be striking and fielding games and athletics activities during class lessons and with Top Score UK. There will also be tuition in cricket skills.

Music Guitar tuition will continue to be given to the class under the ‘Whole Class Ensemble Programme’ and they will rehearse the songs for the KS2 performance of Goldilocks.

PSHE will focus on changes– dealing with change and transition children experience at this time of year in school.

French lessons will continue to develop children’s use of conversational French with Mrs Roberts.





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Computing - i-pads and computers will be used to research information and create texts. We will revisit on-line e-safety and use Lego to practise programming skills.

Homework

All homework is expected to be in on the Thursday following the Friday it was given out. Please check if your child has homework.

Please ensure that the home reading journal is brought in **every week** by Thursday - complete with children's own comments on why they like (or don't like) the book or a particular character – I am always pleased to see comments from parents about their child's reading. It is not expected that the book should be finished every week but that good reading progress should be made. It is recommended that, as part of their homework, children should be reading for at least 20 minutes each evening to improve their fluency and accuracy.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

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