



Rowan Class

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday. The main focus for the beginning of the Autumn term will be settling the children into their new year groups. There will also be an opportunity for you later on in the term to talk to me about how your child is settling in. The children will be taught using a cross-curricular approach and this term they will be exploring the following themes:

- Lost in the Jungle
- Up the Beanstalk
- Rattle my Bones
- What a Saga!
- Queen of Snow

Please remember to look on the school website in the 'Rowan' section for our topic homework and to check your child's home-school diary regularly. It will be lovely to hear from you about how your child is getting on with their learning at home. If you have any questions, then please see me on the gate at the end of the day or put a message in the diary.

Mrs Devenport

Home-School Diaries

Please look in your child's home-school diary daily as this is an important way for us to communicate with each other.

Medical Information

Please inform us if your child's medical status should change. For example the need for an inhaler or development of an allergy.

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Curriculum Overview

During the term the following curriculum areas will be covered:



Lost in the Jungle

In **geography**, the children will explore the climate of tropical rain-forests and they will find out where these are located in the world. In **art**, the children will use a range of natural materials e.g. leaves and bark, to create prints.

Up the Beanstalk

In **science**, the children will plan and carry out a comparative test, examining water transportation through a stem.

Rattle my Bones

In **science**, the children will learn about the function of the skeleton and muscles and understand that the correct nutrition is needed to stay healthy. In **D&T**, children will create a moving skeleton.

What a Saga!

In **history**, the children will use a range of sources to compare different eras/understand different representations of past.

In **computing**, the children will be taught about E-safety in the context of using online sources.

Queen of Snow

In **Art**, the children will experiment with a range of brushes and mix paint to produce secondary colours and tints, tones and shades. They will produce a background for a wintry scene then overlay this with a pencil drawing.



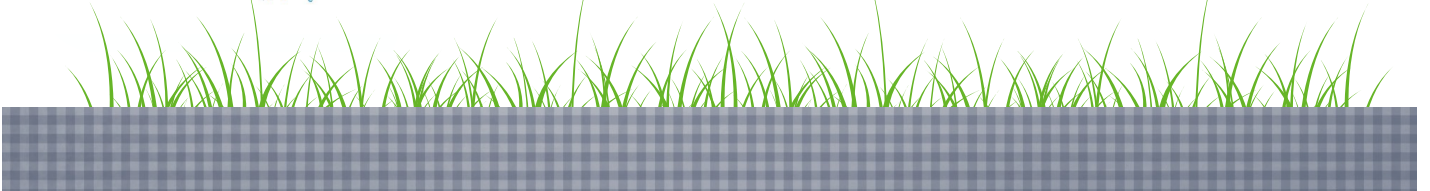
PE - Ball Skills, Outdoor Adventurous Activities & Developing Fitness

Music -Let Your Spirit Fly & Singing

RE - What is the Trinity? GOD & What are Festivals of Light

PSHE - Me and My School & Me and my Relationships

French - Getting to Know You (Greetings & Counting to 10)



Maths

During the term the following areas will be covered:

The children will be taught maths using the 'Maths No Problem' scheme. Below is a brief outline of what will be covered for each year group.

Maths—Year 3

Numbers to 1000

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

Further multiplication and division

Length

Maths—Year 4

Numbers to 10000

Addition and subtraction within 10000

Multiplication and division

Further multiplication and division



Children in Year 4 will be preparing for their statutory times tables assessment in the summer term. Spending a few minutes practising these each day will really help the children to develop their recall and fluency. Using the Times Tables Rock Stars website is a great way to do this.

English

The children will consolidate word classes and develop figurative language to describe a setting and write a narrative of a journey through the jungle. Then they will write a series of mini explanations about various aspects of plant growth and also write an explanation leaflet about a balanced diet.

In the second half of the term, the children will explore the features of Viking sagas and draw on this understanding to write their own saga. They will also develop their writing about characters, settings and plot.

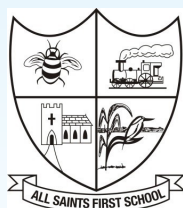


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Additional Information

PE

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. The children need to come to school wearing their school PE Kit on these days. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings need to be removed on these days.

Forest School

Our Forest School session, led by Mrs Jones, will take place each Friday and will last for 2 hours. The children will need to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. They will need; waterproof trousers and jacket, sturdy closed toe shoes or wellies, warm hat and gloves, sunhat, extra socks with wellies, extra base layers (t-shirt, leggings etc)

Art

We do have art aprons available for the children to use during art lessons. However, if you would prefer your child to bring in an old oversized adult shirt, this can be kept on your child's peg and then worn to protect their clothes during art lessons.

Homework

Maths— This will be set each week on a Friday and needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

Topic— At least 4 pieces of homework should be completed each half term from the topic homework sheet and returned to school. Please ask if you require any writing paper to complete the homework.

Reading Books

Please comment in the home-school diary to let me know how your child is progressing with their reading book and to let me know when it is completed. New reading books will be given out on a Thursday if they are required.