



Rowan Class

Spring Term 2022

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas.

This term, the children will be discovering where their food comes from and they will explore seasonality in our topic, 'Flying Food Airways'. They will continue to develop their ability to write scientifically when learning about magnetism and rocks. In the second half of the term, they will investigate aspects of Anglo-Saxon life, with a focus on Sutton Hoo and use this to write a non-chronological report.

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.

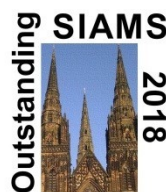
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Home-School Diaries

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

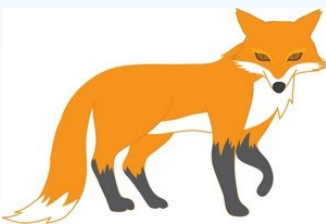
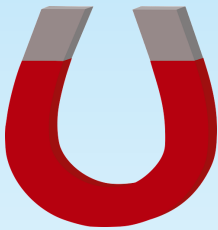
Medical Information

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



Curriculum Overview

During the term the following curriculum areas will be covered:



Flying Food Airways

In **Geography**, the children will use maps, atlases and digital mapping to investigate physical and human features.

In **D&T**, the children will explore seasonality and design/create a fruit or vegetable salad, writing instructions for this.

Marvin's Magnets

In **Science**, the children will investigate magnetism and write an explanation for Marvin. In addition, the children will work scientifically to set up and record a fair test, examining magnet strength.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles

In **History**, the children will learn that the past is constructed from a range of sources which support historical claims.

In **Computing**, the children will use the Internet and search engines to retrieve and select information.

Fox at Night

In **Science**, the children will explore light through a journey in a city and examine different aspects of light on the way: sources and reflectors; shadows; and how we see.

Professor Rock

In **Science**, the children will classify, group and identify rocks. The children will also complete a test to find out which soil is most permeable and explain reasons for this.

PE - Gymnastics & Dance

Music - Recorders, Class Choir & Orchestra

RE - What can we learn from a mosque? & Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died, 'Good Friday?'

PSHE - Me and My Safety & Happy Healthy Me

French - Food Glorious Food & All About Me

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

Further multiplication and division

Length

Mass

Volume

Money

Time

Maths—Year 4

Further multiplication and division

Graphs

Fractions

Decimals

Money

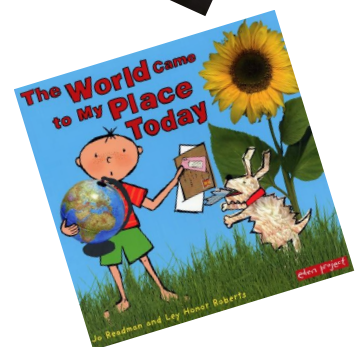
Children in Year 4 will be preparing for their statutory times tables assessment in the summer term. Spending a few minutes practising these each day will really help the children to develop their recall and fluency. Using the Times Tables Rock Stars website is a great way to do this.



English

In the first half of the term the children will explore the features of instructional writing and write a set of instructions for creating a fruit or vegetable salad. They will also write an explanation text about magnetism and learn how to organise their writing using paragraphs.

In the second half of the term, the children will explore the features of non-chronological reports and write their own based on the Anglo-Saxons. They will also develop their ability to write scientifically.



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PE

The children will have a two hour PE lesson on a Monday afternoon with Mrs Lees. They need to come to school wearing their school PE Kit. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings need to be removed.

Forest School

Our Forest School session, led by Mrs Jones, will take place each Friday. 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, extra socks with wellies, extra base layers (t-shirt, leggings etc). Long hair must also be tied back.

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.

