

Rowan Class Provisional Timetable							
	1st lesson	2nd lesson	3rd lesson	Lunch		4th lesson	5th lesson
Monday	PE	Spelling and Grammar	English			Maths	History/ Geography
Tuesday	Swimming	Spelling and Grammar	Music			English	Maths
Wednesday	Maths	Spelling and Grammar	English			Science	RE
Thursday	Maths	Spelling and Grammar	English			Computing	French
Friday	Maths	Spelling and Grammar	English			Art	PSHE

Where possible the above timetable will be used.

Rowan Class Year 3



Spring 2024

Newsletter
for
Children
and
Parents



Class Routines and Information

Happy New Year to you and your families. I'm really looking forward to working with your children this Spring Term. Here is an explanation of our class routines and information regarding Year 3.

Staff: Mrs Keeble— Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning, Friday

Mrs Farrugia - Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for French

Mrs Churchill—Thursday afternoon ICT

Mrs Hicks — teaching assistant every morning

Mrs Kean - teaching assistant every afternoon

Daily Routines: The children will enter the school via the classroom door in the mornings. The children will put away their belongings and wash their hands before we take the register and begin our lessons.

Reading Books: As usual, reading books will be sent home daily. Please try and ensure that your child brings their reading book into school everyday, regardless of whether or not you were able to read with them at home the previous evening. Whenever you do hear your child read, a short note in their reading diary about their reading, retelling and understanding would be very useful. Once a book has been read and your child has spoken to an adult in school about the book we would ask your child to put it onto Mrs Hick's table and a new one will be given. The skills of prediction and retelling are very important. Therefore we would discourage children from reading a whole book in one evening. Little and often is still the preference for reading at this age.

Library : Rowan class will go to the library every Monday. The children will be able to choose from our fantastic range of books in school. Please encourage your child to bring in and change their book each week.

P.E: We have Swimming for 6 weeks this half term on Tuesdays. Please ensure swim kits come into school. PE lessons will continue on a Monday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate **named kit** in school at all times, including shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that they are able to remove the earrings themselves, if they cannot, they must bring in tape to cover their earrings. The PE kit will stay in school in your child's locker.

Homework: Each week your child will bring home spelling words to learn and they will be tested every Monday. It is important that they learn to spell these words in order to improve their spelling knowledge.

Children are expected to read their class reading book at least 5 times a week. This is monitored in school. The maths homework grid has been updated and will be sent home at the beginning of home. Please sign each box once your child has completed an activity.

Snacks/lunches: Children in Year 3 do not have a piece of fruit provided by school. They may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables from home to eat at playtime. Please avoid the dried, coated packets of fruit. We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or lunch for your child.

Water bottles: Children should drink throughout the day, therefore please send a named water bottle into school each Monday so that your child can have water in the classroom. We have limited space in the classroom therefore we would ask you to use the water bottle that can be purchased from the office rather than larger ones. Water bottles will come home on a Friday for washing.

First Aid: If your child has an accident at school and they have received first aid for a head injury, your child will come home with a first aid form and will be wearing a wrist band to let you know.

Values: The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

January - Appreciation

February - Honesty

March - Courage

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this.

Topic Information for Parents

English — Fiction— Historical Narrative—Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura

The children will work towards writing a story from the point of view of the boy.

In this unit the children will learn how to form nouns with a range of prefixes. Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including progressive and present perfect forms. They will use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech (using dialogue to show relationship between characters) Build a varied and rich vocabulary. This text links with our History topics.

Non Fiction—Information—The Blue Whale by Nicola Davies

Children will work towards writing an informative article about whales persuading for the protection of the blue whale.

The children will further their understanding of using adverbs to express time, place and cause. They will build an increasing range of sentence structures. Use headings and sub-headings to aid presentation. They will assess the effectiveness of own and others' writing.

Maths — The following topics will be covered during the term: multiplication and division, money, statistics, length and perimeter and fractions.

Geography — Extreme Earth This unit focuses on the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Children will learn how and why these natural phenomena occur, and the ways in which they affect people and the environment.

History — Stone Age to Iron Age How do we use evidence to find out about the past? Reading timelines, BC and AD, tools, hunter gatherers.

Science — Rocks and Fossils. The children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology.

Light and Shadows— This unit focuses on light, reflections and shadows. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate reflective materials. They will also learn about the dangers of sunlight.

PE — Swimming/Gymnastics

RE — What kind of world did Jesus want?

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?

Art — British Art

DT— Mechanical Posters

PSHE — Money matters This unit encourages children to think about where money comes from, how it can be used and why people might need to borrow money and the consequences of this.

Aiming high—We will focus on goals and aspirations. We will identify ways of applying a growth mindset to new challenges and learn about the importance of resilience.

Year 3 events this term:

Swimming at Flitwick Leisure Centre

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Monday 4th March—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—6.00pm

Thursday 7th March—Parent Consultations—8.10am—10.30am

Thursday 28th March—Easter Service at St. Mary's Parish Church

Please note that other whole school events will be published with the school newsletter.