



## Rowan Class Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year!

Please find a reminder of some key information in this newsletter including our weekly activities, homework and what we are learning.

### Weekly Schedule

PE	<b>Tuesday and Friday</b>	We will be having our PE lessons every Tuesday and Friday.
Book Day	<b>Wednesday</b>	Children will bring home a reading book and reading record as part of their homework. Please could they bring in both of every Wednesday even if their book does not need changing.
Clarinet	<b>Thursdays</b>	Clarinet lessons take place ever Thursday morning. Please can children have their clarinets in school.
Celebration assembly	<b>Friday 2.45pm</b>	Every Friday, parents are welcome to join us in the school hall to celebrate the children's achievements.

### Homework

Reading 	To make good progress it is important that children read regularly with an adult. Children will be assigned a book at their reading level which they can read more than once to help them read clearly and to develop their understanding of new vocabulary. Please make a note of any reading in their reading record. Reading other books of their choice as well is greatly encouraged.
Times tables 	<p>Learning their times tables helps children with many areas of Mathematics. Therefore, we encourage Rowan class to practise their times tables for 5-10 minutes daily.</p> <p>At the end of Year 4 children are required to take part in the National Times table check. This is taken on a computer and involves getting used to answering 25 questions quickly.</p>

## What we are learning this term.

English	This half term we are writing our own version of Anthony Browne's Into the Forest and then moving onto the exciting Riddle of the Runes: A Viking mystery by Janina Ramirez where we will be writing an alternative ending.
Maths	In Mathematics, we are continuing practising our methods of multiplying and dividing larger numbers. We will then be looking at the place value of decimal numbers and fractions before half term. After this we will be looking at solving problems involving shapes and statistics
Science	In science this term we will be learning about the human body and how our skeleton protects our vital organs and allows us to move. We will also be learning about the importance of a balance diet. After half term, we will be learning about how light enables us to see the world around us and how we can change shadows depending on the position and direction of the light source.
Religious Education	In RE we will be exploring what the Holy Gospel according to Matthew teaches us about the Kingdom of Heaven. The children will be learning about the importance of the gifts the Magi brought Jesus at his birth. Then we will be exploring the parables Jesus taught which tell us more about the Kingdom of Heaven and looking closely at the words of the Lord's Prayer.
PE	In PE this term we will be working on our cognitive development. We will also be enjoying taking part in gymnastic and tennis lessons.
Geography	Our geography topic this term is focusing on rivers and mountains. We will be working on our fieldwork, map work and research skills to learn about why rivers and mountains are so important.
Art and DT	In art our topic allows us to explore printing skills which includes creating designs using foam blocks and then using these to print. The children will also create their own stamp using plasticine so they can create repeating patterns. In DT we will be creating a piece of wearable technology using computing skills as well as our design skills.
Spelling	In spelling we will be focusing on suffixes and prefixes as well as the year 3/4 statutory spellings.

