



Rowan Class

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are excited for final term. Please find some key information in this newsletter including our weekly activities, homework and what we are learning.

Weekly Schedule

PE	Tuesday and Friday	We will be having our PE lessons every Tuesday and Fridays. Children can wear their PE kits on this day to school. As the weather gets hotter, children will need sun cream and a hat. Swimming will be every Friday after the May half term.
Book Day	Wednesday	Children will bring home a reading book and reading record as part of their homework. Please could they bring in both of these every Wednesday even if their book does not need changing.
Clarinet	Thursday	Please could clarinets be in school every Thursday. If the children do not return their clarinet, it may need to be left in school in future so they are able to fully take part in their music lesson each week.

What we are learning this term.

English	In English this term, we will be looking at the books the Little Island, The story of Tutankhamen and Werewolf Club Rules. We will then be writing our own non-fiction text as well as a persuasive speeches. The children will also be writing and performing their own poetry.
Maths	This term, the children will be solving problems involving fractions and using shape, money, telling the time and statistics to solve multi-step problems. The year 4 children will also be completing the Multiplication Tables Check in June. More details about this will be sent home in May.
Science	We will be focusing on plants this term and developing our observation skills. We will be identifying the key parts of a plant and their functions and then observing the life cycle of different plants. We will then be looking at the different methods of seed dispersal.

Religious Education	After Easter, Jesus' disciples were given the mission to tell the world about what happened to Jesus and founded the early Christian church. The children will be learning about the key events that inspired the apostles and they will be learning about the similarities Christianity shares with the Islamic and Jewish faith. We will look at our common beliefs and how we can foster solidarity with those who have different beliefs than ours in a respectful and open way.
PE	This term it is time to practice our cricket skills and get our athletic skills ready for sports day. After the half term in May, all children in Rowan class will go swimming every Friday to improve their swimming and learn how to keep safe in the water. A letter with further details will be given out closer to the time but a swimming costume and hat are a necessity.
History	After learning about the ancient Romans in the autumn term, we will be focusing on their neighbours the Ancient Greeks this summer. The children will learn about key events in Ancient Greek history and some important things we have from today such as democracy.
Art and Design and technology	It will be a messy half term of painting as we study shades and tints alongside famous painters in Art. Then to finish off the year, we will be looking at designing a seasonal recipe. We will learn how food miles have an impact on the environment and how to choose food which is sustainable.

