



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 1

Regular arrangements

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We have lots of fun and interesting learning opportunities planned for the children this term, many of which will be focussed around our cross curricular topic 'Under the Sea', including a trip to The London Aquarium. We look forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teacher' session in Rowan Class, on Tuesday 11th September from 9 - 9.25am. This will be a chance for us to discuss the year ahead, the learning the children will embark upon, and for you to ask any questions of the Rowan Class team.

English ABC

In our English lessons this term, we will be looking at traditional tales. The children will learn how to describe characters and settings, and plan and write their own stories in traditional style. In keeping with our 'Under the Sea' theme, we will also be writing non-fiction, texts about our favourite sea creatures.

Maths

This term we will be recapping our understanding of number bonds and place value, and beginning to look at the operations of multiplication and division. As part of this, we will also begin learning our times tables, beginning with 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will continue to learn and apply correct mathematical vocabulary in their lessons.

RE

This term we will be learning about the 'Creation Story', and will discuss why Christians believe that God created the universe. We will begin to understand why the Earth and everything on it are important to God.



Science

This term and next, we will be looking at habitats and seasonal change. Children will observe changes across the seasons and discuss weather and how day length varies. We will also learn about the habitats of different creatures, and identify a simple food chain.



Computing

During our dedicated computing skills development time, we will be examining the types of technology in the world around us, and their uses. We will also begin to handle data by sorting and organising, and creating simple databases and pictograms. A key focus of all lessons will be e-safety.



Topic

This term our cross curricular theme is 'Under the Sea'. We will recognise that most of the earth is covered in water, and learn to differentiate between oceans, seas and rivers. We will compare similarities and differences between them, including temperature, depth, tides and marine life, and discuss reasons for the differences. We will also focus on how we can protect and conserve marine life.



British Values

As we begin our new school year, we will be encouraging the children to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school.

Home Learning

Rowan Class will continue to follow the KSI home learning grid, which will give the children 3 choices each week. Our focus is on the consolidation of core skills, including reading comprehension, SPaG and maths. Home learning books will be sent home weekly, for children to record their learning. All children will have weekly spellings, and as the year progresses, we will also introduce times tables to practise and learn. Daily reading is highly recommended and this should be recorded in the reading record book, which needs to be brought into school (along with your child's reading book) every day. Children will be awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold awards at the end of term, according to how much of their home learning they have completed.

Homework will be set on Tuesday and will be handed in on the following Monday.

Spellings will be tested on Monday morning.

PPA will be on Wednesday afternoon for term 1. Lessons will be PE (Premier Sports), Music (Mrs Sparkhall), and Art (Mrs Markham).

For term 1, PE will also take place on Friday. Please ensure that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school at all times, as there may be other sporting opportunities for the children to take advantage of.

Diary dates for this term

Tuesday 11th Sep - 9am
Meet the teacher session.

Friday 28th September
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

Tuesday 9th October
Rowan Class trip to the London Aquarium.

Friday 19th October
End of Term 1.



Creative Project

Our topic for term 2 will be 'The Great Fire of London'. Please see the homework grid for more exciting details.