

Rowan Class Newsletter – Spring Term

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Christmas break. This newsletter will outline your child's learning for over the Spring Term.

Within Literacy we will be reading the story 'Traction Man is here!' This text has lots of exciting vocabulary and tells the story of a superhero carrying out daring and funny missions. We will be role-playing, creating story boxes and engaging in a range of reading, writing and speaking and listening activities. The children will be given opportunities to write in lots of different forms, allowing them to apply their punctuation, vocabulary and grammar.

In Maths we will start by enhancing our place value knowledge and thinking about numbers. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction. The children will complete a range of tasks moving from practical to abstract/written tasks and then onto reasoning and problem solving. This will give them opportunities to show what they know and give explanations and apply what they know by completing a range of investigations.

Our topic theme for Terms 3 and 4 is 'The American Dream'. This is a topic which enables us to carry out a great deal of cross curricular learning. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore the UK's landscape and also the geographical landscapes in America. This will also allow them to make comparisons between where we live and America. They will learn about American history and the main landmarks in America. The children will then be able to create pieces of artwork based on the landmarks and artists and they will also make their own planes and test them.

In Science, we will be looking at the seasons and thinking about the weather associated with different seasons. The children will then be completing Science investigations and experiments to explore weather i.e. types of clouds, rainfall, temperature.

RE lessons will continue to follow the Kent Agreed Syllabus and in Terms 3 and 4 our key questions are 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' and 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

Your child's homework will be linked with a topic we have covered within class. It could be Literacy, Maths, Phonics or Topic related. The homework will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday.

PE will be taking place on a Monday (Dance) and Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure your child had a full PE kit in school for these days? Please can earrings not been worn on these day to make changing much easier for your child.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rockingham - Rowan Class Teacher