

Rowan Class Newsletter - Summer Term

April 2018



Dear Parents or Guardians,

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

Within Literacy we will be continuing our learning all about Traditional Tales and we will be reading 'The Story Tree'. This is a collection of stories, including familiar European tales as well as African, American, Indian and Jewish stories. The memorable retellings reflect the oral traditions from which the stories come and this makes them enjoyable to read aloud. We will be role-playing, sequencing and engaging in a range of reading, writing and speaking and listening activities. The traditional stories will give us lots of opportunities to explore adjectives and a range of story language.

In Maths we will be spending a few weeks learning all about 'Multiplication'. This will begin with counting in groups such as 2s, 5s and 10s. It will then move onto grouping, repeated addition and then multiplication. This allows the children to understand what 'multiply' means and that it represents 'lots of' or 'group of'. We will do this in practical ways by grouping objects and then onto higher level tasks such as problem solving. We will then be moving onto Fractions and thinking about halves and quarters.

Our topic theme for Terms 5 and 6 is 'Our Wonderful World'. This is a topic which enables us to carry out a great deal of cross curricular learning and learn all about the world we live on. The children will be learning about the famous explorer Sir Francis Drake. Through History we will learn about his life and his journey around the world. This in turn opens up into Geography as we will learn all about the continents he visited. The children will then become sailors themselves and make their own rafts to float on water and stitch their own flags too!

In Science, we will be continuing our topic on 'Plants'. This will involve the children learning a range of plant and tree names and identifying and classifying them. We will be using the outside space to go on tree and plant hunt and measure trunks/ leaves and branches. The children will also be given opportunities to carry out investigations by answering questions such as 'How far is it around the trunk of trees?'

RE lessons will continue to follow the Kent Agreed Syllabus and in Terms 5 and 6 we will be learning about Judaism. Our key question is 'Who is Jewish and what do they believe?'

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