

Rowan Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

English

This term we will be reading the novel study, 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt. The children will be building up their writing skills to write a story with a flashback from another character's point of view. This unit will help the children with developing their skills in areas such as writing a scene, using dialogue and investigating the text in detail.

For our guided reading lessons we will be using a range of literature and poetry. We will also look at other texts linked to our history, such as 'Anne Frank's Diary' and 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.

History

In history this half term, the children will be studying World War 2. They will be learning about how the war started, significant people (Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler), evacuation, rationing, the role of women, the Holocaust and key events.

DT

During DT lessons, the children will be building up their cookery skills to adapt a basic cake recipe to develop a celebration cake that could have been made during wartime Britain.

PSHE

The focus this term will be on relationships. The children will focus on family, managing friendships and peer influence.

Music

Year 5 will be receiving weekly brass lessons every Thursday from the Shropshire Music Service. Year 4 will be linking their music lessons to their science and history topics.

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about computing systems and networks -sharing information. This will include online safety.

French

During this half term, the children will be following the Languegenut unit based on Going to school (Year 4) and Useful phrases (Year 5).

Maths

In maths, we will be covering place value, number - addition & subtraction and multiplication. We will be following a mastery approach and the children will use a range of skills to solve reasoning and problem-solving style questions.

Science

In Science, the children will be learning about properties and changes of materials. We will cover areas such as, comparing the properties of materials, how to keep things cool /warm, which materials conduct electricity, dissolving materials, separating mixtures and irreversible changes.

P.E

PE will be on Monday and Wednesday. The focus on these days will be netball and dance. Please come into school with your PE kit on for those days.

R.E

In RE, we will be investigating the question, 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?'

Home support

- Times Table Rockstars - Each child has an individual login. There will be a times table test on Friday mornings.
- Spelling Shed - Online spelling platform. Spellings will be tested on Friday mornings.

We hope you have all had a well-deserved rest over summer - it seems so long ago now!

We are all looking forward to a fun and challenging new term with Rowan and hope that the children enjoy all of the new topics. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.