

Rowan Class Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Mr Harris and Mrs Arblaster

Art

In Art, the children will be learning about gestural drawing with charcoal, exploring some of our earliest art by studying cave drawings, as well as more recent artists.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about light and the effect it has on shadows.

History

In History this half term, the children will be studying the Roman invasion of Britain, Boudica's revolt and the building of Hadrian's Wall.

French

In French, our topic is about going to school.

English

This term we will be reading a range of texts, including *Counting on Katherine* by Helaine Becker, about the contribution Katherine Johnson made to the Apollo Moon missions. The children will be developing their writing skills to produce reports, fact files and biographies about this exciting period.

For our guided reading lessons, we will be using a range of short texts to explore a range of comprehension skills.

Home Support

- **Reading** - please listen to your child read out loud for 10 to 15 minutes at a time every evening during the week.
- **Times Tables** - each child has a log in for Times Tables Rockstars. Children need to be able to recall any answer in under 3 seconds.
- **Spelling** - each child has a log in for Spelling Shed, our online spelling platform, and they will be tested each week.

Maths

In Maths, we will be covering place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In addition, we will be following a mastery approach, gaining procedural fluency in methods before moving on to applying those skills when solving problems and reasoning questions.

Music

Year 5 will receive weekly brass lessons from the Shropshire Music Service on Mondays. Year 4 will be linking their music lessons to the environment.

Religious Education

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

PE

PE will be on **Wednesday and Thursday** afternoons. Children will learn about Gymnastics and will also study Invasion Games with the specialist sports coaches from Embrace.

On those days, children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit.

Please make sure that the correct PE kit is worn to school:

- PLAIN royal/pale blue or white t-shirt or school logo PE shirt (no other T-shirts should be worn).
- School sweatshirt or PLAIN royal/navy blue sweatshirt.
- PLAIN black or navy shorts / jogging bottoms / leggings. Football kit should not be worn.
- Pumps or trainers.

Computing

The children will be learning about Computing systems, networks and the Internet.

WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE!

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break. It's going to be a great term with lots of new things to learn about. If parent or carers need to contact me, then you can contact me on Class Dojo, or leave a or speak to me at the end of the day, or leave a message with the school office and I will get back to you.