

Rowan Curriculum Letter

Summer 2016

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday. Below is an outline of the learning opportunities planned for your child this term.

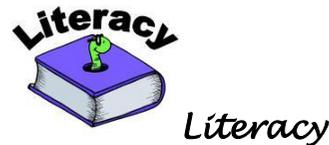
General information: Children in both Rowan classes will have regular PE sessions - Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as having opportunities to use the outdoor climbing frame. For these activities children will need their labelled PE kit in school every day. Please check the size of your children's plimsolls as their feet have a habit of growing! Children with long hair will need to have it tied back.

Homework: We would encourage you to read with your child as much as possible and encourage them to complete an activity in their green Reading Activity book at least once a week. Children will continue to be issued with a reading book chosen for their stage of development, which we will change regularly. They will also be able to choose a library book once a week and as they are the children's own choice, it may be more suitable to be read to them or shared in a more collaborative way. Please make a note of any reading that your child carries out at home, so that they can move up our 'reading rocket'. This will provide them opportunities to share their reading achievements, as well as earning stickers and certificates. Talk homework is sent home on a Monday, to give your child a chance to prepare for a Big Write session on Friday. Spellings and Times Tables will be sent home on Friday and then tested the following Friday.

Thank you for your help at home, it really makes a difference. We are extremely grateful for all your continued support. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Eade or Mrs Warwick.



Children will take part in regular Maths lessons which will provide them with opportunities to develop their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be learning about money, length and time through real life problems to develop their reasoning skills and apply what they have learnt. We will be building up their mental maths skills through regular activities.



We will continue to have regular Phonics sessions in order to provide children with specific reading and writing skills. In our Literacy lessons, we will explore information texts as our non-fiction work. Our fiction work will involve quest stories and focus on stories by the same author. Also we will look at different types of poetry.



Rowan will be learning about Minibeasts and Habitats. They will be exploring the school grounds to see what habitats are present and which minibeasts have made their homes there. The children will be learning about the seven life processes and how these are important to living things.



We will be learning about different places of worship including Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and Buddhism. We are also planning to visit St Mary's church to find out more about Christian churches.



Children will be taking part in sessions focussing on games activities. They will be learning to work together as a team. They will be developing their gymnastics skills, and later on participating in athletics sessions to prepare for Sports Day.



Children will continue to develop their computing skills, using Learn Pads and desktops. They will use these to do research and also word processing. They will be using programmable toys, writing algorithms and testing them.



Farmyard Fun

This experience takes place from Monday 11th April until Friday 13th May 2016. Rowan will be learning about how to care for farm animals and what jobs are done throughout the farming year. They will have the opportunity to meet real farm animals, write information reports, as well as create farming related art work. Through this experience we will be developing within children the core values of **Creativity** and **Independence**.

Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.

- Find out how food is produced and write a report.
- Create a collage of a farm or farm animals.



Art Experience

This experience will take place from Monday 16th May until Friday 27th May 2016. The children will be creating writing and art work based on a book. We are hoping to display the children's masterpieces around school. Through this experience we will be developing within children the core value of **Creativity**.

Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.

- To create a piece of art work based on a famous artist.
- To write a story based on a famous picture.



Cracking the Code

This experience will take place from Tuesday 7th June until Friday 17th June 2016. The children will be developing their computing skills creating mini worlds for programmable toys, including writing algorithms and testing them, to allow the toys to explore their environment. Through this experience we will be developing within children the core value of **Independence**.

Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.

- Design a robot to tidy your bedroom and produce a labelled diagram.
- To write detailed instructions for a robot to travel from your front door to your bedroom, including right and left turns.



Going for Gold

This experience will take place from Monday 20th June until Friday 22nd July 2016. This exciting experience will include activities linked to the Rio Olympics, including our own opening ceremony and the chance to try out different Olympic disciplines. Through this experience we will be developing within children the core value of **Respect**.

Possible homework activities, please select at least one to do during the learning experience.

- To produce an imaginative design for an Olympic team uniform.
- Choose a sport's personality and create a fact file about them.