



P.P.S. Rowan Class

September 2020
Autumn Term

Petworth's Got Talent! & Into the City

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Rowan Class, I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

Our topics this term are 'Petworth's Got Talent' and 'Into The City'. The first half term will focus on our talents and how they make us unique and special, we will look at talented people we know and how we aspire to be like our favourite famous people. The second half of the term will have a geographical focus; the children will learn to recognise geographical similarities and differences between Petworth and London through studying the human and physical geography of Petworth and comparing these findings with research about London. The children will use aerial photographs to create maps to use on a walk around Petworth; they will compare this walk with London using Google Earth to explore London's streets.

In **design and technology** the children will create 3D models of their chosen Petworth building. This can be any building including their home, Petworth House or even St Mary's Church. The children will plan and evaluate their design and the building process.

In **computing** the children will be focusing

mainly on e-safety then moving onto digital literacy and understand more about our digital footprints. In e-safety lessons the children will recognise how to use technology safely and respectfully, understanding that it is important to know where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact from strangers on the internet.

In **art and design** lessons the children will explore a range of art by artist Van Gogh creating their own interpretation of his work as they try out his different artistic techniques. In addition to this they will explore a range of materials to create a picture using pointillism.

In **P.E.** lessons the children will take part in games which will extend the children's agility, balance and co-ordination. In gymnastics the children will be travelling in different ways, making shapes and linking movements. We will be working with sports coach Stacey Allen for Multi-Skills P.E. lessons throughout September; this is always a very engaging experience for all.

In **R.E.** the children will learn about the church as a space to worship. They will discover the features and artefacts found in the church and the importance of special or sacred places in their own lives and those of others. In the second half term the children will be focusing on Incarnation. This will include looking at Jesus as an extraordinary person and why he was sent to Earth.

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these newsletters to give you information about your child's education as this will replace the foundation subjects comments on the annual report.



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In **Science** the children will be finding out about 'Living things and their habitats' and will learn to distinguish between mammals, amphibians, invertebrates, birds, reptiles and fish. They will look at the differences in habitat, animal movement and skin type. We will be using our wildlife area to explore natural habitats. We will then compare those animals living in the nature area to those in the pond and forest. We will create a habitat to complement our chosen animals.

We will be using dialogue and shared writing as a vehicle to assist the children in writing a range of text types. We will be kick starting the term off with letter writing and the children will then move on to creating adventure stories. In the second half of the term the children will be writing a leaflet to encourage people to visit Petworth, followed by a focus on traditional folk tales. Throughout our English work, there will be an emphasis on using sentences containing two adjectives, as well as the correct use of punctuation. Cursive handwriting lessons to ensure the correct formation of both upper and lower case letters will also be taking place. Our first class novel will be '*Fantastic Mr Fox*' by Roald Dahl.

We will be starting the year looking at our numbers bonds to 10 and securing our knowledge of counting. The children will be developing their understanding of place value, recognising the value of each digit in a 2 digit

number and understanding the role of 0 as a place holder. They will apply this knowledge when comparing numbers using the < and > symbols and when solving place value problems. We will move onto using place value to help solve the operations of addition and subtraction using apparatus and written methods. As the term progresses we will focus on length and mass, interpreting data in a graph and written methods that can be used to solve multiplication and division. Recall of number facts and the 2,5 and 10 times tables will form part of our daily mental maths.

Homework: please read with your child as much as possible, . The children will be issued with a reading book chosen for their stage of development, they are also able to choose a library book weekly, which may be more suitable to read to them or to be shared in a more collaborative way. Please make a note of any reading that your child carries out at home so that they can gain more house points. The children will be provided with a new set of spellings every Friday to be practiced over the week.

Our class blog is <https://rowanclasspetworth.edublogs.org/> where we will showcase some of the children's work throughout the year.

We look forward to working with you and your children.

Miss Furnell and Mrs Groves