



P.P.S. Rowan Class

September 2018
Autumn Term

Petworth's Got Talent! & Into the City

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Rowan Class, I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed the recent sunshine.

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 Chichester through studying the human and physical geography of Petworth and comparing these findings with those of Chichester. The children will use aerial photographs to create maps of a journey they take through Petworth.

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. This will involve planning and evaluating their design and the building process.

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.

In computing the children will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content; using cameras to take photographs of the local area, editing, saving and printing them. 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 lessons the children will explore a range of art by artist Van Gogh, creating their own interpretation of his work. 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 their 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 PE lessons throughout September and early October, this is always a very engaging experience for all.

In R.E. the children will be visiting the church and learning 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. We will be writing Harvest poems ready for the Harvest festival, please come down to the church and join us in this celebration!



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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 we see at Forest School. We will create a habitat to suit 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 throughout core and foundation subjects, giving the children the chance to show their writing skills in all subjects.

Our first class novel will be 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. This will be our class theme for our activities on Roald Dahl Day, which will involve the children coming in to school dressed as their favourite character from their favourite Roald Dahl book.

We have recently adopted four chickens for our new chicken coop and will be taking on a role of care for the chickens, having opportunities to feed them and clean their coop.

Our Christmas production this year will be Hey Ewe! Having finally reached Year 2 the children will be excited to be given speaking roles within the production. We will begin

rehearsals after half term and the children will bring their lines home with them to rehearse.

This is always a very exciting time and the children really get the chance to let their personalities shine!

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 move up our 'Reading Rocket'. This will provide them opportunities to share their reading achievements, as well as earning stickers and certificates.

Spellings and Mathletics activities will be set weekly. You will find your Mathletics log in stapled to the inside of your child's reading record.

Helping at school:

If you have any free time and would like to come in to school to hear readers please let me know. Any help is gratefully appreciated and it all makes an impact on the children's learning.

Kind regards,
Miss Rawlings.