



Rowan AUTUMN Newsletter



Welcome back,

I hope you have had a good summer break. The class teacher in Rowan Year 2 class is Mrs Tubb and our teaching assistant is Mrs Fenton.

Here are a few reminders for this term:

Autumn Curriculum

Science: Uses of Everyday Materials

History: The Great Fire of London

RE: The Bible, Harvest Festival

French: Introducing Yourself and Numbers

Art: Collage, Sewing (taught by Mrs Fenton, Mrs Guillatt and Mrs Wesley)



Geography: Weather and Climate

DT: Tudor House

PSHE: Strumbie Island

Music: Exploring rhythm

Computing: Creating Pictures, Online Safety and Making Music



Spelling

As part of our commitment to continually improving standards and attainment for all children we are implementing the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling programme in Year 2.

The programme embeds the national curriculum spelling skills using direct teaching in short, daily spelling sessions. The programme has already proved effective in schools nationwide and we are excited to provide our children with a new and motivating approach to spelling.



The children take part in daily, bite-sized lessons that build knowledge cumulatively. Three friendly aliens introduce the spelling rules on an exciting online spelling planet. There is a lot of emphasis placed on partner and oral work to ensure children fully grasp the spelling concepts. The children also have their own practice book that provides a range of activities to enhance understanding. Any errors or misconceptions are logged in the children's personal log books so that these can be practised at other times and also taken home for additional practice

Reading

The children have a home reading book. Use your child's reading record book to sign and comment every time you have heard them read. Please read at least 3 times a week.

It is really important to spend time listening to your child read.

Children must bring in their home reading book every day as they will often read during independent sessions after lunch.

To support good reading, rewards are given at the end of every week and half term.

If possible, read a more challenging book together. Fiction books take you to places you've never been before and enhance imagination. Many facts can be learnt from non-fiction books. Read a variety of texts, such as recipes or comic books.

Reading regularly will also improve writing skills! It teaches grammar, sentence structure and will extend your child's vocabulary.



Homework

Homework will be issued on Fridays and will consist of activities the children have recently covered in class. This should be handed in by the following Thursday. However, children should feel free to hand homework in earlier if it has been completed and will be given house points for homework returned on a Monday and for neatness / effort overall. To prevent children from falling behind, any child who has not completed and handed in their homework by Thursday will unfortunately have to do it at lunchtime.



PE

The children will develop skills in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, Multi-skills and Gymnastics this term.

Please can you ensure your child has the correct kit. Our school prospectus suggests:

Plimsolls, trainers for outdoor P.E., navy shorts, joggers for outdoor P.E., team colour T-shirt team colour sweatshirt and P.E. bag

Plimsolls are needed for indoor PE for safety. Please check they still fit your child.

Jewellery must not be worn for PE and long hair needs to be tied back, away from the face.

PE will be taught on Tuesday by Mrs Dougill and on Thursday by Mrs Tubb.



Medication

If your child requires any medication please speak to myself and Mrs Baxter as soon as possible so that we can be well informed of your child's individual needs.

Snacks

The children will continue to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every play time.



Remember

Further information can be found on our school website <http://www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/> or the mySchoolApp. We also regularly update our class page with photographs. If you have any concerns, please pop in for a chat.

Thank you, Mrs Tubb and Mrs Fenton



SATs Assessments

During **May 2019** all Year 2 children will be taking national assessments in Reading, Mathematics, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Please ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.

Date for your Diary

SATs Information Evening for Parents

Friday 21st September.

3.30 – 4.15pm in Rowan classroom.

Class Assembly:

Friday 9th November 2017. It will start at approximately 2.45pm.

We would love to see you!

Reminders

Mon: Reading book and record

Tue: Reading book and record
PE kit

Wed: Reading book and record

Thur: Last day to hand in
homework
Reading book and record
PE kit

Fri: Reading book and record
Homework sent home