

As writers, we will learn the art of persuasion and write our own persuasive letter. We will also be reading **Escape from Pompeii** by **Christina Balit**, and writing our own narrative based on the text. We will continue to learn spelling rules throughout the term.

As mathematicians, we will be consolidating our arithmetic skills. We will be looking at tenths and hundredths, missing number problems, column multiplication, the bus stop method and finding a fraction of an amount.

As scientists, we will be exploring the bodies of humans and animals. We will first look at the importance of nutrition, before moving onto learning about the skeletons of humans and animals. We will finish this half term by looking at how muscles work.

Mathematics

Place Value and Number, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions.

Science

Animals and Humans

Computing

In computing, we will be learning how to code.

French

In French, we will be learning about aspects of French culture such as transport.

Humanities

Geophysical Hazards

As Geographers, we will be investigating geophysical hazards - volcanoes, earthquakes, tornados and tsunamis! We will explore how these occur and the effect they have on communities across the globe.

Literacy

Persuasive Letter writing and narrative writing.

PSHCE and RE

Jigsaw PSHE - Dreams and Goals
RE- Commitment, Chinese New Year, St. Valentine.

The Arts

Edible Garden

P.E

Indoor and outdoor games

In DT this half term, we are being chefs! We will be exploring seasonality in cooking and exploring how we can use ingredients in food. We will also be looking at how we can make meals balanced, using the Eatwell plate. We will be making pesto, fruit kebabs and bruschetta.

With Coach Amy, we will be learning games skills and team tactics through learning Benchball.

With Miss Cartwright, we will be consolidating our skills using Real PE.





Homework

Rowan pupils will receive a half termly homework challenges booklet, detailing different tasks that they could complete at home. These tasks will be maths, English and topic related.

As and when the children complete the tasks, they can bring them in to show me. Children's home learning is not limited to the tasks in the booklet, and if they wish to do more than what is on the list they are welcome to do so!

Please note that all children must be reading at home 3-5 times a week, both independently in their head and with an adult reading aloud. Please fill in your child's reading record when reading is completed at home.

Many thanks for your support, and if you have any queries do not hesitate to talk to me.

PE, Library and Music:

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure kit and shoes are appropriate for the weather.

Our library day is a Friday. Please make sure that books are in on this day. Reading Records and reading books need to be at school everyday.

Music is on a Tuesday, as are violin lessons. This term we are learning how to play the ukulele with Ms. Furnell.

Rowan class Spring Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely break over the festive period.

Rowan Class say goodbye to Miss Dorr at the start of Spring 1, as she is off to have her baby! I know we will all miss her lots and we cannot wait to see her and meet her baby soon.

We have a science focus for the whole of spring term. We will be exploring the human body and the bodies of other animals too. For the first half term, we will be looking at nutrition, the skeleton and muscles specifically.

As the weather is getting colder, it is really important that we have the correct clothing for school - jumpers, thermals, trousers, thick tights, hats, scarves and coats! It is also a good idea for your child to bring in wellington boots or outdoor shoes as lots of mud can be brought into the classroom this time of year. Thank you in advance!

Thank you, Miss Cartwright ☺