



# Rowan Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to have the children back this week and I am looking forward to the term ahead! Here are some highlights for this term (more details can be found within the topic overview):

- In art, the children will be working with Ms. Lyle to explore the art and symbolism of Anglo-Saxon crosses before designing their own.
- Children will be learning about samba and carnival in music.
- Children will complete their final cooking session with Mrs van Zanten as a whole class, taking on the challenge of pyramid cooking.

This term, our history topic is Anglo-Saxon settlements. We will learn about why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain and what life was like for them. The Year 4s will be digging deeper into this topic to build on what they learnt last year.

## SUMMER TRIP

We have an exciting school trip to Cissbury Ring on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. During the visit, a local guide will lead the children on a fascinating journey through the historical significance of Cissbury Ring, exploring its role across different periods in history. If you have not yet returned your permission slip, please do so as soon as possible.

## START OF THE DAY



The gates open at 8:40am with registration at 8:50am. During this time, the children have the opportunity to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes and activities including spelling tasks. **Arriving on time is a great start to the day, putting your child in the right frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning. Good punctuality is linked to good attendance which leads to better outcomes for children. Current attendance up to the end of the Spring term is 96%.**

## P.E. AND GAMES

We have adopted a new PE scheme which we will be starting this term. Any child who does not have their full PE kit, including suitable trainers for outside, will be unable to take part. **Please ensure that all of your child's kit is named. Earrings should be removed for PE and Games.** If this is not possible, then they should be covered with micro-pore tape, provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. Rowan Class have outside PE on a Thursday with Mr. Morley and we will be inside on a Monday.

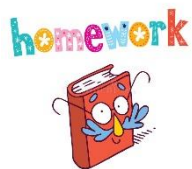


## READING



As a school, we work hard to ensure that all our children receive positive reading experiences, whether it be through quality texts in English or different awards to promote reading for pleasure. Unfortunately, there are still children who are not reading regularly. Please ensure your child is reading daily and updating their reading journal, which is part of their weekly homework. Children are given opportunities every morning to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz linked to their completed book. Thank you for your continued support with reading. If your child is struggling to find appropriate reading material, please let me know and we will help them to choose their next book.

## HOMEWORK



Children will be issued with a new homework grid for this term. I love seeing some of the work children produce from the grid. You are welcome to email anything that cannot be sent in to school/pictures to the school office, who will forward them to me to share with the class ([office@stjbps.co.uk](mailto:office@stjbps.co.uk)). We will endeavour to supply children with additional resources to help children with their work if they require any further items. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you need any support with grid homework. Below is an overview of the homework for KS2 children:

<b>Weekly -</b> Daily reading, maths and practising times tables	<b>Fortnightly -</b> Spelling and grid homework
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## SPELLINGS

Children will be given spelling lists with examples of words that demonstrate the fortnightly spelling rule / pattern. **Children are not required to learn the whole list in a week, but should split it into two halves.** Please encourage your child to complete their homework activities as they reinforce the work we are doing in class.

## TIMES TABLES PRACTICE

As part of their homework, children are expected to practise their times tables on a regular basis. TTRockStars (TTRS) and Hit the Button are very popular for online learning, but there is a booklet available, which can be emailed, that provides alternatives to digital learning. We also have practice booklets for each times tables that children can access along with flash cards. Please let Mrs. Wellby know if you would like any of these resources to help your Year 4 child's learning. There will be a letter circulated in this first half term, giving you details about the June Multiplication Check.



## SUMMER REVELS



The children have learnt the class country dancing routine and will now move on to the maypole dancing this half term. We are very excited about sharing these two dances with you at the Summer Revels, which will be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. The PTA has been working extremely hard in organising this event, which is definitely one of the highlights in the school's calendar. **If your child is unable to attend, please let the school know ASAP, so that routines can be adjusted accordingly.** Thank you.

## HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a healthy packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.

## WATER BOTTLES



During the summer months, it is strongly recommended that all children have access to a water bottle, and have a sunhat for break/lunchtimes. Sun-cream should be applied before they come into school. It is important that your child is kept hydrated throughout the day, so should have a named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; **these should NOT be used for squash or fruit juice please.**

## SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be offering a range of clubs during the summer term. These will be detailed in the weekly newsletter.

## AND FINALLY...

If you need to speak to me about your child at any point during the term, please contact the office or speak to me directly after school. If there are any parents who would like to listen to children read, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Georgia Griffiths