



ROWAN CLASS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last term of the school year! The children have a full and enriching term ahead where the children will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons, light, forces, fractions and a lot more. There is also a topic overview for you to have a look at some of the key activities and learning journeys the children will be covering. We will also be coming together as a key stage for a trip to Pulborough Brooks on Monday 8th July (more details to follow shortly).

P.E. AND GAMES



It is very important that the children have their PE kit in school throughout the week so that they can fully participate in these lessons. Please make sure your child has suitable trainers for outside games. **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 will have PE on **Tuesdays and Fridays**.

READING



Our school value is 'Resilience' this term, and we have been thinking about ways we can help ourselves to 'bounce back' when we feel overwhelmed. This term please encourage your children to be resilient by reading daily. We recommend at least 10 pages, one chapter, or 20 minutes of continuous reading. Please sign and comment in their reading record book each time they read. Reading records will be checked on a Monday and children will be given opportunities during the week to complete their Accelerated Reader quizzes.

NEW READING INITIATIVE

I am pleased to announce that we will be starting 'our reading leaves' this term. Miss Cove has created a 'Reading Tree' in the corridor, upon which we will be hanging the children's leaves and celebrating reading. A 'leaf' will be presented to two children from each class during the Celebration assembly, recognising a reading achievement. At the end of each term, one ticket from each class will be drawn, and the recipients of the winning tickets will be taken to a bookshop with Mrs Sharrock to choose a book. This will replace the 100% award through the AR scheme, but the word count award will stay in place.

HOMEWORK



The children really enjoyed their homework last term and I am looking forward to seeing what the children produce this term. A new homework grid will be sent home soon and there will also be a copy on the website. The hand in dates for all work is detailed on the grid. If additional tools are needed, please do ask and I will ensure that children have the necessary equipment to help them complete their activities. Please encourage your child to present their homework to the highest standard with neat handwriting.

Please ensure your child brings their homework book in on Mondays so that they can stick in the weekly spellings.

Children should be completing the following pieces of homework:

- **Year 3** – daily reading, practising their times tables, three spelling activities and a fortnightly piece from the grid homework.
- **Year 4** – a weekly maths activity, daily reading, practising their times tables, three spelling activities and a fortnightly piece from the grid homework.

Children will receive a maximum of 6 weekly words that will be based on their spelling sessions. This is to help them learn the rule, which they will then apply to a range of words within a piece of fortnightly dictation. Children will be provided with some activities to help them practise. Children may also be given some 'Maths Facts' that they will need to learn in preparation for work the following week. Maths and spelling does not need to be 'handed in', as this is revision for the children.

TIMES TABLES PRACTICE

As part of their homework, children are expected to practise their times tables on a regular basis. We would recommend TTRockStars (TTRS) and Hit the Button to support their tables' learning (there are links on the website). **It is important that Year 4 children should practise their times tables regularly as the Multiplication Check will take place in June.**



COOKING



As part of the Design and Technology curriculum, Rowan class will be working with Mrs van Zanten and cooking some Indian food from the Kerala region we have been learning about in Geography, as well as some Anglo-Saxon recipes!

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



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.

SUMMER REVELS



The children have been working hard in learning the country dance routine during their PE lessons last term. The beginning of this term will see them focusing on the maypole dance. We are very excited about sharing these two dances with you at the Summer Revels, which will be held on Saturday 8th June. The PTA has been working extremely hard in organising this event, which is definitely one of the highlights in the school's calendar. See you all there.

SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be offering a range of clubs for 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.

With kind regards

Mrs J Sparrow