

Rowan Class News

Spring Term 1 – Our topic is



Bright Lights, Big City

Welcome back to the Spring term. We hope you had a restful break and are ready for all the exciting things we have planned for this term! This half-term our topic is *Bright Lights, Big City*. Through this unit, we will find out about the capital cities of the UK, and in particular London.

We will have a big focus on History, and will be learning all about The Great Fire of London, how it started, and how it spread so quickly.

Days to Remember

Mrs Walton teaches:

Mon & Tues

Mrs Wood teaches:

Wed, Thurs & Fri

PE: Mondays &

Wednesdays

Forest School:

We will visit the woods on a regular basis when it best enhances our curriculum.

Please ensure there are always wellies and a warm coat in school.

NOTE:

If anyone would like to come in to school to help with reading or Forest School please let us know, your help is always much appreciated!

English

In English this half term the children will be reading and writing 'non-chronological reports' (information texts). We will be finding out about what makes a good non-fiction text, and writing our own information sheets. We will also be looking at newspapers and the language that is used to report the news. Our budding journalists will be writing newspaper reports and finding out what it is like to be a news reporter.

Maths

During this half term we will be working on a range of mathematical skills. We will be learning about capacity and volume, and how to read simple scales. We will work on our knowledge of fractions, finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and quantities. We will also be learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Phonics

Phonics will continue this half term, with some groups changing teachers. Reception will be taught by Mrs King, and Year One phonics will be taught by Mrs Walton/Mrs Wood and Mrs Christison. Year Two will continue with Mrs Marjoram. Pupils in Year 1 will take a phonic screening test in June this year. To help support our work on phonics in school please work on weekly spellings at home- they will also be given time to work on these in school. Regular reading at home plays an important role in the development of phonic skills, and we appreciate the considerable effort and support put in by parents. Please write in reading records when you read with your child, and if you have any questions regarding how best to support your child please come in for a chat.

Thank-You!

We would like to say a big Thank-You for the lovely gifts and cards we were given for Christmas. They were very much appreciated!



For regular updates on the things we do in class please check the school website and Twitter.

Show and Tell

To make sure everyone has a turn to show and tell, we have put together a timetable for this half term (PTO for dates). Children may bring in something they would like to share with the class on their given date. Please try not to bring things in on other days as we would like to avoid disappointment when there is no time to share. Children may still bring in certificates and other achievements to share during Friday assemblies.

Show and Tell

Thursday 10th January

Alfie S.A/Herbie

Monday 14th January

Florence/Bethany

Thursday 17th January

Aidan/Penelope

Monday 21st January

Violet/Arthur

Thursday 24th January

Jasper/Thomas A.

Monday 28th January

Rose/Freddie

Thursday 31st January

Bella/Jonny

Monday 4th February

Zachary/Alfie R.

Thursday 7th February

Holly/Luke

Monday 11th February

William/Ben

Thursday 14th February

Jemima/Tom H.

Monday 18th February

Felix/Bertie