



# Rowan Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1 – Our topic is

## In the Garden



### Days to Remember

**PE: Mondays and Wednesdays** (children can wear P.E kits for the whole day)

**Future Forest: Fridays**, please bring wellies and coats (hats and suncream if the weather is warm)

**Mrs Wood teaches Monday-Wednesday**

**Mrs King teaches Thursday and Friday** (she is also our teaching assistant Mon-Wed)

**Mrs Christison teaches on Wednesday morning.**

**Miss Hansford is our teaching assistant on Wed morning and Thu/Fri**

Welcome back to the first half of the Summer Term, we hope everyone had an enjoyable break. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members of our class, and to say 'well done' to all of the children for settling so well back in to school life.

During the three weeks before Easter we were busy assessing and identifying learning needs after lockdown, and putting plans in place to ensure we can meet the developmental, academic and well-being needs of our children.

Our topic this half term is 'In the Garden'. In **Science** we will be learning about plants and animals. We will be finding out about how the time of year affects the behaviour and growth of plants and animals, and what they need to grow and be healthy. We will be learning to identify common garden plants and animals, and looking at the life cycles of plants and creatures.

In **Art** we will be learning about the work of Van Gogh, and in particular his famous painting 'Sunflowers'. We will be using different materials and techniques to produce our own sunflower-inspired art work.

In **Maths** we will be learning about Mass (weight) and Volume (capacity) and Multiplication and Division. Our Reception children will be continuing to learn about numbers to 20 and beyond, and beginning to add and subtract numbers of objects.

### Seesaw

Seesaw is the online system we use to keep parents informed about what is happening in class. Photos etc are regularly posted, and parents are able to see what their children have been doing as well as make comments. Instructions as to how to register for SeeSaw have been sent separately. Please get in touch if you need any help with accessing Seesaw.

### Spelling

Children in years 1 and 2 will start to bring spellings home to learn from next week. We will be focusing on 'Common Exception Words' - a list of phonetically irregular words that are commonly used. Please help your child to learn their words each week. Practising 'little and often' is the best way to help them remember. We will assess their progress with spelling these words at the end of the half term.

For regular updates on the things we do in class please see Seesaw, the school website, our Facebook page and Twitter.

In **English** we will be focusing on vocabulary, phonics, reading comprehension, spelling and writing. We will be reading a variety of texts, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, and learning to write clear sentences as part of stories, letters and information texts.

### Reading Packs

Please return reading packs to school every Friday so that books can be exchanged ready for the following week.