

## Asfordby Hill Primary School

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Welcome to Year 3 and Rowan Class! I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and you and your child/ren are looking forward to an exciting school year. Here is an insight into the learning that your child will be undertaking this term as well as some general information about their time in Rowan Class.

**Reading:** Please keep reading regularly with your child at home. It is very important that your child is able to consolidate their reading outside of school hours. They will have a daily whole class reading session with myself as well as one to one reading time with either myself, Mrs Stokes, or another adult. Once they have finished and understood a book they will be able to change it during their independent reading time after completing a review of the book. Please comment in their reading record so that we can see how they have been getting on with their reading at home.

**Homework** will be given out on a termly basis, linked to topics that we are covering in class. We will check homework books on **Thursdays** (books returned on a Friday), please complete one task per week. Children are more than welcome to create their homework on a computer but please ensure that it is in their own words. If you do not have the facilities to print homework at home, feel free to email it to our class email address [rowan@asfordbyhill.leics.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@asfordbyhill.leics.sch.uk) and we will print it in school. I am afraid that we cannot take homework from memory sticks. Please encourage and support your child where necessary to complete their homework. Feel free to comment on how well your child managed with each task. It is important for me to know if they have found something particularly challenging. It's also nice to know if they have enjoyed it too!

**Spellings** will be given out on a **Thursday** and tested the following **Thursday**: most lists will be in line with the Year 3 English Curriculum. The children will have a spelling list to learn linked to a spelling rule or pattern, but when tested will have some bonus spellings which will be taken from the Year 3/4 word list. During the test we will say the spelling, put the spelling word into a sentence then repeat the spelling word again. Once marked, their answer sheet will be attached into their spelling books for you to see. This term's spelling lists can also be found on the Rowan Class page on the school's website.



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**Times tables** will be given out on a **Monday** and tested the following **Monday**. We will assess each child during the first week to determine which multiplication tables they have a secure understanding of and which they need to practice. The children will be coming home with their own times tables book. They achieve bronze, silver and gold stars for each times table where they get 10/10! You will also find details for Times Tables Rockstars in your child's book.

**PE Kits:** Rowan Class will have PE every Friday afternoon. PE kits should be kept in school until the end of each half term when they will be sent home to wash. Please ensure PE kits (including trainers) are in school and named at the start of each half term. Some of our PE sessions will take place on the field so kits may get a little muddy - sorry in advance!

We will also be going swimming every Thursday morning, starting on 12/09/19, up until 12/12/19. Please make sure that swimming kits are in on Thursdays and that earrings are removed before school.

**Names:** Please ensure all your child's school uniform/PE kit, pack lunch and water bottle are clearly named. Thank you.

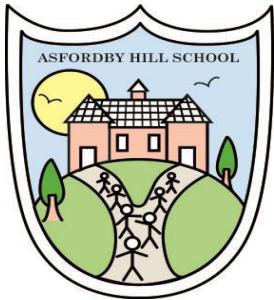
**Beginning and end of day arrangements:** Rowan children will be dropped off in the front playground, when a member of staff opens the side gate. The children will then walk around to the back playground and into the Rowan classroom with Mrs Stokes. They will hang their coats and bags upon the pegs at the back of the room, lunch boxes will be taken over and stored in the main building, in one go. If you need to get a message to me in the morning please go to the office or see me at the front of the school.

At the end of the day the children will walk from the classroom to the front playground via the side gate with an adult and will be released one at a time to parents.

**Parent helpers:** Parent helpers are always welcome to help in class with extra reading, times tables practice and other activities. Please let me know if you would like to help in Rowan class this year, or if you have any skills that you think may be useful! We're always on the lookout for sports people, artists, bakers and anything in-between to give children a wide range of experiences and opportunities.

### **Autumn Term's Curriculum**

Much of this term's work will be based on the topic 'Animals and their Habitats', beginning with learning about nutrition, parts of the body and healthy lifestyles. We'll also be learning about our local area and the animals and habitats we can see nearby and having a go at creating landscapes in art.



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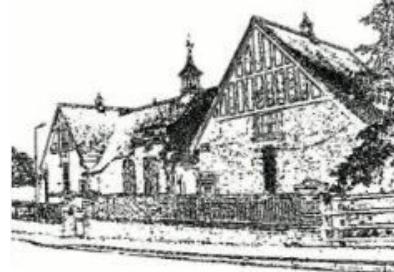
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Later in the term, we will be learning all about the stone age: how to care for our environment and the different types of rocks. We will also be learning to sing and play along to Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds', exploring who he was and in doing so developing tolerance and respect for other cultures and faith. In computing, we will be developing our presenting and producing skills by creating video presentations and surveys about our local environment as well as learning how to use the internet safely. Our foreign language skills will be developed by learning to introduce ourselves in French. We will be using this for the morning and afternoon registers. Every day, we will discuss our 7 rainbow skills: optimism, self-control, gratitude, enthusiasm, understanding others, curiosity and perseverance in order to allow the children to become resilient and creative learners.

The main English focus will involve consolidating knowledge of vocabulary, punctuation and grammar, developing the essential processes for writing and writing for a range of purposes and audiences. English work will be linked to successful authors and poets, as well our topic work. The children will progress to writing extended pieces in different styles and consider the impact of the way in which they organise their writing. Weekly themes will include narratives and poems as well as non-fictional work.

Mathematics will be taught through a range of practical activities, songs, rhymes and games as well as individual tasks. It will involve written and mental number work, money, shape and data handling. Children in Rowan will be encouraged to think independently when problem solving and use any equipment available to them.

I am looking forward to meeting you all over the course of the next few weeks, but if you have any problems or queries please do come in and speak to either myself or Mrs Stokes.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Tierney



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