

## **Asfordby Hill Primary School**

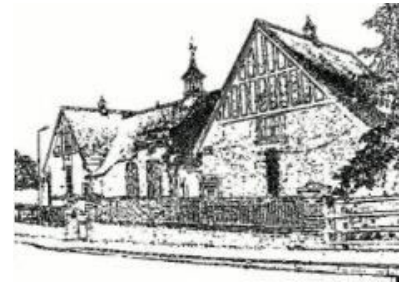
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Welcome back to Rowan Class. I hope that you have had an enjoyable and exciting break and you and your child/ren are looking forward to the Spring term. Here is an insight into the learning that your child will be undertaking this term.

**Reading:** Please keep reading regularly with your child at home. It is very important that they have the opportunity to consolidate their reading skills outside of school hours. The progress they have made recently has been significant – thank you for your support. Book recommendations and questions to ask can be found on our class blog. They will have a daily whole class reading session with myself as well as one to one reading time with either myself, Mrs Goodsell, Miss Yarwood, or another adult. Once they have finished, can read the book fluently and understood the vocabulary involved, they will be able to change it during their independent reading time. Please write a comment in their reading record so that we can see how they have been getting on with their reading at home and also move along the reading track.

**Homework:** A booklet is being sent out this week detailing this term's learning from home activities. Please try to complete the essential activities regularly as they are the building blocks for your child's learning throughout the curriculum. If time allows, the additional learning activities link directly to our work in the classroom and will of course be valued and celebrated when completed.

**Spellings** will be given out on a **Monday** and tested the following **Monday**: 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 National 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 downloaded to Seesaw.

**Times tables** will be given out on a **Thursday** and tested the following **Thursday**. 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 timetable booklet which is a valuable tool for practicing and embedding times tables. It is incredibly important for children to work continuously in remembering their timetables/division facts as it unlocks so many other mathematical areas of learning.

**PE Kits:** Rowan Class will have PE every Monday and Tuesday. PE kits should be worn to school on both days.



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## Spring Term's Curriculum

Much of the first half term's work will be based on the topics 'Mountains', beginning with learning about how the European mountain ranges can be located. We'll also be learning about roots, shoots, flowers, fruits and seeds in science. We will be learning to compose our own music and building upon our recorder skills from last term. In computing, we will be developing our knowledge and use of databases. Our foreign language skills will be developed by learning to describe our classroom and the contents in French. We will be using this in the classroom throughout the term, hopefully embedding the children's knowledge. Later in the term, we will be learning all about mountainous alpine regions and creating design technology projects around Alpine Pizzas. Every day, we will discuss and celebrate the use of our 7 rainbow skills: optimism, self-control, gratitude, enthusiasm, understanding others, curiosity, and perseverance 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 applying these processes when writing for a range of purposes and audiences. Work will be linked to persuasive letter writing, and the book *The Secret of Black Rock* by Joe Todd-Stanton as well our topic work. The children will continue to write 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, measures and fractions. Children in Rowan will be encouraged to think independently when problem solving, use any equipment available to them and make links between past and present learning.

	First half term	Second half term
English	Persuasive letters Poetry- Emotion Expressions	The Secret of Black Rock- narrative Roman Myths
Maths	Multiplication and division Measures Money Fractions	
Science	Roots, shoots, flowers, fruits and seeds	
Geography	Mountains (Alpine Regions)	
History		Romans in Britain
DT	Alpine Pizzas	
Art		Printing
RE	Why do people pray?	
Music	Recorders and composing	
French	En classe	
PE	Football	Netball
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing/	
Computing	Databases	Video trailers

If you have any problems or queries please do catch me before or after school and speak to either myself, Mrs Goodsell or Miss Yarwood or contact the office. Please note that I find it very difficult to reply to messages via Seesaw during the school day, but will endeavour to respond as soon as it is convenient for me to do so.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bailey