

## **Welcome to Rowan Class – Autumn Term 2021**

### **Topic: Ancient Greeks**

### **Value for Life: Friendship**

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are well rested ready for the term ahead! Here's a quick summary of everything you need to know...

### **Important Information**

Your child will not need to bring much into school with them on a daily basis. They will need their coat, their water bottle, their reading book and their book bag. Please do not bring rucksacks into school. We will provide all of the stationary your child needs.

PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Like last year, your child should come into school in their PE kit on these days. We will be starting the term doing PE outside so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this. Wellies should be brought into school at the start of term and stay in school for the duration of the term.

Please make sure your child is reading daily and this is being recorded in their reading record.

If you need to contact us, please either speak to the school office or email [rowan@morley.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@morley.norfolk.sch.uk). If there is an urgent matter then please contact the school office and a message will be passed on to us.

### **Curriculum**

#### Reading:

We will be doing a combination of whole class guided reading and individual reading with the children. We will of course hear your child read as frequently as possible at school, however this should not be the only source of reading. Please make sure that your child is reading at home daily and this is being recorded in their reading record.

#### Writing:

Our writing in the autumn term will be focused around our topic: The Ancient Greeks. We will be doing a variety of both non-fiction and fiction writing.

#### Maths:

Our focus for the autumn term will be ensuring that all children have a secure foundation in place value and arithmetic. We will be doing daily fluency sessions (Maths Meetings) alongside the main maths lesson to ensure that all children are confident in the basic maths skills they need going up the school.

Towards the end of the year, all children in Year 4 will have to complete a statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is an online test which is administered by the Government. There will be more details to follow about this for those parents/carers of children who will take part in this. We will do everything within our power at school to make sure that this does not cause the children any unnecessary stress, and we hope that you can support us in this.

### RE:

During the autumn term we will be doing a combination of philosophy and theology. We will ask if being happy is the greatest purpose in life, and if Jesus was the messiah?

### Science:

Our science topics for the autumn term are Light, Sound and Space. We will be learning about how light and sound travel, sources of light and space. We will be learning about science through practical enquiries as far as possible.

### Humanities:

Our topic for the autumn term will be the Ancient Greeks. We will learn about what life was like in Ancient Greece, as well as the impact they have had on the world around us.

### Art, Design and Technology:

We will be looking at Ancient Greek art and Pottery. We will also be designing, making and testing our own torches.

### Computing:

In computing, we will be looking at e-Safety, multimedia and technology in our lives.

### PE:

Our PE days will be Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be doing Football, Netball, Hockey and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. When we do Outdoor and Adventurous activities your child should come dressed appropriately to go into the woods. Please come into school in PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 4s and those children in Y5 who have not achieved their 25m award should be going swimming at some point this term.

Homework: Spellings will be tested on Fridays. All spellings for the half term will be available on Google Classroom. Homework will also be set on Fridays, and will be due in the following Wednesday. In order to keep the amount of paper being transferred between school and home to a minimum, all homework will be set on Google Classroom, where it should also be submitted once completed. This will be supplemented with Times Tables Rockstars and MyMaths.