

# Rowan Class - Spring Term Information



**Welcome to Rowan Class!** We hope you have had a restful Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Here is some useful information which you need to know:

## Important dates

Please make sure you make a note of the following:

- **Tuesday 6th January** – Start of Term.
- **w/c 16th February** – Half Term.
- **Friday 27th March** – Easter Church Service.

Please ensure you read the newsletter which is sent out each Friday to keep up to date with any additional dates or changes.

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## Learning this term:

**English** In our English lessons, we will be using *The Nowhere Emporium*, *Shackleton*, and *The Explorer* as inspiration for our writing. We will be covering a range of genres including narrative descriptions, formal letters of application, diary entries, and newspaper reports. Later in the term, we will move on to writing balanced arguments and poetry.

**Maths** We will be looking at:

- **Division:** Dividing 2 and 3-digit numbers using partitioning and short division.
- **Fractions:** Composing fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions, and adding/subtracting mixed numbers.
- **Decimals:** Understanding tenths and calculating with decimals. We will use our 'Review and Reflect' sessions on Friday to review prior learning and revisit areas of difficulty.

**Science** In the first half of the term, we will be learning about animals including humans, focusing on keeping healthy and the function of kidneys. In the second half, we will be learning about **Light**, exploring how light travels, reflection, and how we see colours.

**History & Geography** In History, we will be learning about the **Maya Civilization**, exploring where they lived, significant events, their inventions, and what happened to their city-states. In Geography, we will be looking at major cities and countries of the world, biomes, and the physical and human characteristics of Europe and the Americas.

**Art & Design** We will be focusing on one-point perspective drawing and printing in the first half of the term. Later, we will explore Batik resist processes and creating tissue bowls.

**Design & Technology** We will be focusing on cooking in the early weeks. Later in the term, we will look at textiles, learning crochet chain stitching and using recycled materials like plastic yarn and crisp packets.

**RE** In RE, we will be exploring questions such as 'Science vs Religion', the cosmological argument, and reflections on Easter.

**PE** Our PE topics will involve gymnastics, specifically balances, inverted movements, and sequence work. PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. As always, we go outside in all weathers, so please ensure appropriate clothing is worn (no branded items or football kits).

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### **Other important notices:**

**Nut free school** Please ensure that your child's lunch and healthy breaktime snack do not contain nuts. Please also be aware that due to an increase in food allergies in school, we will also be saying no to birthday treats.

**Homework** Homework will be set on a **Friday** and will be expected to be handed in on a **Wednesday**. We will be using online platforms such as MyMaths and Read Theory as much as possible, as this will allow your child to receive instant feedback.

**Contacting us** The easiest way to pass on information is usually at the end of the day. Mr Clements is generally available outside the classroom. Alternatively, please speak to the school office or email [morley@tacmor.stbenets.org](mailto:morley@tacmor.stbenets.org) to arrange a suitable time.