

Christmas term in Rowan class

This term we welcome Mrs Mwaramba to our class. Mrs Mwaramba will be teaching Maths and English together Mrs Campbell, and will also teach Science, Topic (Geography and History) and Computing. We also welcome Mrs Cope, who will work as a teaching assistant on Fridays.

Many thanks for all your help supporting your children with their homework. The standard of homework has been incredibly high, and I am really pleased with the pride they have taken in their work. Homework will continue to be set twice a week, and if you have any problems, please speak to Mrs Campbell or Mrs Mwaramba.

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their spellings and practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars. The more fluent they are with their times tables, the easier Maths will be for them as they move onto look at fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion.

Please ensure your children has their reading book and planner in school every day, in their school bag. We encourage children to read 5 times a week at home. If they manage this, and their reading card is signed 5 times by an adult in a week, they will be entered into the weekly reading raffle.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries, so we can resolve any problems straight away. The easiest way to do this is by emailing us at:

rowan@titchmarshprimary.co.uk

This term is always a busy one, but hopefully and fun and memorable one for your child!

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| Monday | English homework set |
| Tuesday | PE, Maths homework due |
| Wednesday | Brass lessons, string lessons |
| Thursday | PE, English homework due, Spelling test, Library books |
| Friday | Maths homework set |

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Mrs. Campbell – class teacher; English, Maths, RE, Music, Art/Design Technology

Mrs Mwaramba – class teacher; English, Maths, Topic, Science, Computing

Ms Parkes – Teaching Assistant, class teacher; PE, PSHE and Arithmetic

Mr Dent – PE teacher

Mme Kernick – French teacher

Dates for your Diary

- 19th November – Children In Need mufti day
- 24th November – Tag Rugby tournament, PWS
- 3rd December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 6th – 10th December - Govilon residential, Year 6
- 13th December – Christmas pantomime at The Key Theatre
- 15th December, 6:00pm – Nativity
- 16th December , 9:30pm – Nativity
- 17th December – End of term

English

This term the authors will be learning about the following different styles of writing and authors:

Fiction – significant authors Philip Pullman, using the text Northern Lights
Non-Fiction – Explanations and Instructions

They will revise and develop their understanding of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Spelling tests will be held weekly.

The authors will plan, draft, write, edit, evaluate and proof read their writing; and ensure all SPAG techniques learnt are demonstrated in their learning.

The readers will be evaluating a wider range of texts, during Book Talk, with the class novel and their own reading book.

Our class novel is 'Can you see me?' by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott.

Expressive Arts

Art and Design - The artists will be learning about automata machines. We will looking at animals and making simple moving mechanisms using wood. They will research and design a moving cam mechanism so that their animals move. They will be building their machine from wood, developing basic wood work skills.

Music - The musicians will be learning to improvise in music. They will use a variety of instruments to learn new songs, including tuned and untuned percussion, recorders and keyboards. They will look at the tempo, timbre, time signatures and rhythms in the music. They will then improvise their own tune in time with the music.

Physical Development

Tuesday – The athletes will be looking at yoga. They will develop their flexibility, strength and balance with Ms Parkes.

Thursday – The athletes will work with Mr Dent on developing their tactical skills and game plan in a variety of sports with Mr Dent.

A reminder that the athletes will need to wear PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Long hair should be tied up and all jewellery, including watches, removed.

Maths

The mathematicians will continue to more complex arithmetic. They will focus on multiplication and division, as well as multiples, factors. They will learn how to find prime, square and cube numbers and look for patterns. They will move onto to look at measurement, focusing on area and perimeter. They will explore how to find the area and perimeter of increasing complex shapes as well as using different units of measurement and converting between them. They will continue to look at arithmetic skills each week.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

French – The linguists will continue to learn conversational French with Mme. Kernick.

Science - The scientists will be investigating forces. They will investigate the forces evident in everyday life, and conduct experiments to see the forces in action.

History – The geographers will be exploring both American continents. They will explore the similarities and differences between continents. They will explore physical geography, looking at the habitats and landscapes. With human geography, they will compare and contrast different cities and populations.

Computing – The technicians will learning about how to write basic codes. They will learn to code a simple text based story with different variables throughout the game. They will look for bugs and how to fix them.

Amazing Americas

Personal Social and Emotional Development

RE – The theologians will continue to explore the question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' They will explore the key elements of the Islamic faith, and how they practise their beliefs.

PSHE – The citizens will be looking at 'Celebrating Differences'. They will look at different groups within society and how we are all different. They will explore different cultures, faiths and families, gaining an understanding of the wider world.