



Rowan AUTUMN Newsletter



Welcome back,

I hope you have had a lovely summer. It is wonderful to see the children back at school. The class teacher in Rowan Year 2 class is Mrs Tubb and our assistants are Miss Cross and Miss Bailey.

Our topic this term is Homes

In Geography we will be looking at where we live in the UK and using compass directions to make maps. In Science we will be finding out about different animals and their habitats.

We will be investigating the animals that live in our school wildlife garden and school pond.



We will be learning about The Great Fire of London in 1666 and what happened to the homes and other buildings in London at that time.

Our DT this term is to design and make a moving scene from The Great Fire!

The class reading books will be based upon animals and where they live.

Throughout this exciting topic we will be writing character descriptions, diaries, recounts, invitations and poems. In French, taught by Mr Gallant, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves, read and write numbers to 20, and learn about French history, culture and famous landmarks.

Spelling

As part of our commitment to continually improving standards and attainment for all children we are implementing the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling programme in Year 2.

The programme embeds the national curriculum spelling skills using direct teaching in short, daily spelling sessions. The programme has already proved effective in schools nationwide and we are excited to provide our children with a new and motivating approach to spelling.



The children take part in daily, bite-sized lessons that build knowledge cumulatively. Three friendly aliens introduce the spelling rules on an exciting online spelling planet. There is a lot of emphasis placed on partner and oral work to ensure children fully grasp the spelling concepts. The children also have their own practice book that provides a range of activities to enhance understanding.

Reading

The children have a home reading book. Use your child's reading record book to sign and comment every time you have heard them read.

Your child can also log into MyOn and read an online book. <https://www.myon.co.uk> Please write the title of the book you have read and then sign and comment in the reading record.

Remember to read at least 3 times a week.

It is really important to spend time listening to your child read.

Children must bring in their home reading book each day as they will read during independent sessions when they arrive at school.

To support good reading, rewards are given at the end of every week and half term.



Homework

Homework is **emailed** each Friday and will consist of activities the children have recently covered in class. This should be returned by the following Thursday. However, children should feel free to hand homework in earlier if it has been completed.

Some of the tasks may be paper-based, which will be handed out in class, and others may be online activities.

If you have any questions, please email the class email rowan.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

I will check emails on school days and will try to reply within 24/48 hours.

**** Please inform me if your email address changes. ****



Assessments

In **the second part of this term** all Year 2 children in England will be taking the Phonics Screening check they were unable to take in Year 1.

During **May 2022** all Year 2 children will be completing national assessments in Mathematics, Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Please ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.

PE

The children will develop Multi-skills and Gymnastics this term.

Whenever possible, lessons will take place outdoors.

Please can you ensure your child has the correct kit. Our school prospectus suggests:

Plimsolls, trainers for outdoor P.E., navy shorts, joggers for outdoor P.E., team colour T-shirt team colour sweatshirt and P.E. bag

Jewellery must not be worn for PE and long hair needs to be tied back, away from the face.

PE will be taught on Wednesday by Mrs Dougill and on Thursday by Mrs Tubb. On these days' children will come to school wearing their school PE kit.



Medication



If your child requires any medication please telephone the school office as soon as possible so that we can be well informed of your child's individual needs.

Reminders

Mon: Reading book and record

Tue: Reading book and record

Wed: Reading book and record
Wear your outdoor PE kit

Thur: Last day to hand in
homework
Reading book and record
Wear your outdoor PE kit

Fri: Reading book and record
Homework emailed home

Remember

Further information can be found on our school website

<http://www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/> and ParentMail

If you have any non-urgent queries, please email Mrs Tubb:

rowan.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

For urgent issues, please phone the school office: 01775 820467

Thank you, Mrs Tubb, Miss Cross and Miss Bailey.

