



## Rowan Class Newsletter Spring 2024

**Taught by:** Mrs Chaplin. Supporting Rowan class each day will be Mrs Longstaffe (HLTA), Mrs Burnham (HLTA), Mrs Kalidas (Monday - Wednesday am) and Mrs Peace (Wednesday am, Thursday and Friday).

Happy New Year and welcome to our spring term. We have had a fantastic start to this year and all the children have worked so hard. We have so many exciting things coming up in Rowan class and are looking forward to an amazing term ahead. Thank you in advance for your support with the following:

### Reading Books

Please ensure your child reads to an adult every day, even if your child is a confident reader, this will really support their reading stamina, fluency and comprehension. Your child needs to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record each time you listen to them read. Your child needs to read for 10 minutes every school night to make good progress. It is also in the school's homework policy and home school agreement.

### Water

We encourage children to drink water during the school day. **Water should be brought from home each morning in a bottle labelled with your child's name.** From experience, we know that children will drink water, if they are thirsty, even if they prefer the flavour of squash.

### PE

Year 4 will be swimming on **Tuesday mornings** for the whole school year. P.E. lessons will take place on a **Monday afternoon**. Children should bring their P.E kit to **leave in school** as they will get changed in school once again.

As the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, please make sure your child has an appropriate P.E. kit (plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt for inside and plain black jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt with a plain black sweatshirt for outside). Please make sure children bring a pair of **trainers**.

### Dojo's

Keep an eye out for a welcome letter to join the Rowan class DOJO page. Here you can see your child's Dojo points. Please do not use the DOJO message feature to communicate messages with the class teacher as the DOJO page is not checked each day and we wouldn't want important information to be missed. We look forward to celebrating your child's successes with you.

### Maths

In Maths we will be using the 'Maths No Problem' programme. Topics covered this term will be Multiplication and division, graphs, fractions, decimals and percentages and time.

Rowan class will also be working on their times tables. Any extra supporting with learning their times tables will greatly support their learning in maths.

**History:** The Romans

**Science:** Sound

**Geography:** The Chevin

**Computing:** Photo editing and data logging

**D&T:** Structure - Roman Pavilion

**PSHE:** Safety and the changing body and citizenship

**PE:** Personal Skills and Social Skills through the 'Real PE' scheme and Swimming

**Art:** Collage - Roman Mosaics

**MFL:** Numbers, calendars and birthdays and weather

**RE:** What faiths are shared in our community? And an Easter focus

**Trip:** Churches in Otley (tbc)

### English

In English we will be following the Jane Considine approach. We will be learning to write based on some exciting texts including a persuasive letter to invite an author into school, science fiction, a balanced argument, newspaper report and a traditional tale. Rowan class will be using Reading VIPERS in their reading lessons each day with a focus on reading comprehension. The children will be using spelling shed to support their learning of spellings and will practise their handwriting regularly over the week.

### Homework

Year Four children should be doing 20 minutes of homework every evening. Each week the children will be set the following homework:

The children will be given spelling homework to take home with **10 spellings** on a **Friday** to be practised and returned the following **Friday**.

They will also be given **Maths homework** on a **Friday** to be returned by the following **Friday** (**this may be online using MyMaths**).

**Learning Logs** will be given out some times and the children will have two weeks to complete this task

### Dates for your diary:

17.1.24	Otley Carnival Stars Assembly
18.1.24	Y3 and Y4 Maths coffee morning for parents. 9.10 - 10.00
6.2.24	Safer Internet Day
8.2.24	Reading café (Beech and Rowan class) To be confirmed
w/b 29.1.24	National story telling week
30.1.24	Author visit J A Browne
7.2.24	Solar for School information assembly
8.2.24	Reading café (Y3 and Y4) To be confirmed
9.2.24	Break up for half term
19.2.24	Back to school
28.2.24	Parent Consultation afternoon and evening
8.3.24	World Book Day
8.3.24	Sing and Swing event at Ashfield
15.3.24	Red Nose Day
21.3.24	Friends of Ashfield Easter Disco (tbc)
28.3.24	Break up for Easter holidays
15.4.24	Back to school