



Rowan Class Newsletter Autumn 2024

Taught by: Miss Morris. Supporting Rowan class each day will be Mrs Burnham (HLTA), Mrs King (TA alternate Thursday mornings) Mrs Brown (TA alternate Thursday Mornings).

We are very excited to work with all our Rowan children this year. We have had a fantastic start to this week 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 year 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. Reading for at least 10 minutes every school night will help your child make good progress.

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. In Autumn 1 (up until October half term), P.E. lessons will take place on a **Tuesday afternoon** and are led by a teacher from PHGS. 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 or navy shorts and a plain white t-shirt for inside and plain black or navy jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt with a school sweatshirt for outside). Please make sure children bring a pair of **trainers**.

Maths

In Maths we will be using the 'White Rose Maths' programme. Topics covered this term will be place value (numbers to 10,000), comparing and ordering numbers and rounding. Also, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division and word problems. 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.

English

In English we will be following the Jane Considine approach. We will be learning to write based on some exciting texts including a report on Earthquakes, adventure writing based on Roald Dahl's Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, an explanation text based on 'Gut Garden' and a persuasive letter to invite an author into school. 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.

History: Bronze & Iron Age

Science: Digestive systems and teeth,
Classification and Environmental change

Geography: Volcanoes & Earthquakes

Computing: Computing systems and networks

D&T: Digital World: Microbit mindful moment

PSHE: Family and relationships, feeling good and being me, health and wellbeing and friends and family

PE: Personal Skills and Social Skills through the 'Real PE' scheme and Netball

Art: Sculpture – Andy Goldsworthy

MFL: French numbers, calendars and birthdays

RE: How are important events remembered? A Christmas focus

Trip: Otley Library (date TBC)

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 10 spellings to take home on a **Friday**. Children are free to show me the spelling work that they have practiced at home.

They will also be given **Maths homework** on a **Friday** to be returned by the following **Friday Learning Logs** will be given out some times and the children will have two weeks to complete this task

Reading with an adult each school night for 10 minutes and recorded in your child's reading record. For all children including free readers.

Dates for Your diary:

Thursday	12 th September	Footloose dance workshops
Friday	13 th September	Meet the teacher (all classes)
Monday	16 th September	Race horse visit to school
Tuesday	17 th September	3:30 Friends of Ashfield - staffroom
Saturday	21 st September	Community Clear Up Day – wild life area 10:00 – 1:00
Thursday	3 rd October	Individual photo day
Friday	4 th October	Harvest Festival 2pm
Monday	7 th October	Judo Y1-Y6
Thursday	10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday	17 th October	Friends of Ashfield fancy dress disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1 and 5:30-6:30 KS2
W/B Monday	28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Half Term
W/B Monday	11 th November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday	13 th November	Parent Carer Consultation
W/B Monday	13 th November	Otley science festival
Friday	15 th November	Children in Need
W/B Monday	18 th November	SEND Week
Thursday	12 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance at 9:30am and 2:15pm
Tuesday	17 th December	Christingle at Church KS1 lead 2pm
Thursday	19 th December	Friends of Ashfield Christmas disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1, 5:30-6:30 KS2
Ws/B Monday	23 rd Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays