



## Rowan Class Newsletter Spring 2025

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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. Reading books are changed on a Monday. Please ensure your child has their book so that their reading record can be checked and their book changed.

### 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 **Wednesday 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**.

### Maths

In Maths we will be using the 'White Rose Maths' programme. Topics covered this term will be Multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, and decimals.

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:** Environmental change, 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:** Describing in French and Getting dressed in French

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

### English

In English we will be following the Jane Considine approach. We will be learning to write based on some exciting texts including, science fiction, a balanced argument, newspaper report and a traditional tale. Our new class book is 'Charlotte's Web.' 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**

**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:

20.01.25	Author visit James Campbell
W/B 27.01.25	National story telling week
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
11.02.25	NSPCC online safety event at PHGS for parents and carers
Feb TBC	Y4 trip to Leeds City Museum - Romans exhibition and a mosque
17-21.02.25	Half Term
05.03.25	Parent Consultation afternoon and evening
07.03.25	World Book Day
14.03.25	Red Nose Day
03.04.25	Friends of Ashfield Easter Disco (tbc)