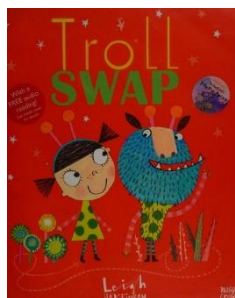


Rowan Class

Autumn 2024



A warm welcome to Year 2! We hope that everyone had a lovely break over summer and are ready to enjoy the fun learning planned for us this term.



Within English we are reading the book 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson. The book centres around two characters who feel like they don't belong who eventually learn that 'home is where the heart is' when they swap places. The children will be looking at the characters by exploring and predicting what happens within the story. They will be working towards creating their own description of two characters who swap places. Later in the term we will then enjoy the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' in which we will work towards creating a fact file about owl's from information we collect from the text.

We are always trying to strengthen our fluency with counting and understanding number so this term we will be focussing on place value and using the four operations. We will be strengthening our knowledge through completing practicals and applying what we learn to fluency and problem solving questions. Our maths 4-a-day will be relevant to what we are learning, to provide the children with more opportunities to practice their mathematical skills.



Within science we are learning about the life cycles of animals and humans. We will focus on scientific skills such as experimenting, observation and recording data. The children will understand the process of how animals and humans grow up to be adults.

Our research question for history this term is 'Why do we remember



people from the past?'. We will be researching

Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and finding all about their involvement within the Crimean war. The children will be using their

historical skills by conducting their own research as 'historical detectives'. You can help your children at home by finding out about nursing in the past and about the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



Year 2 have a very exciting opportunity this first half term in art. We have an artist coming in to class to do art sessions with us every Friday afternoon. The children will be exploring colour mixing and creating interesting textures in paint using different tools. We are looking forward to seeing what they will create!

Reading in Year 2 is very important and we really value the importance of children making progress within their reading and enjoying the books that they read. We will promote this within school by reading a class novel at the end of every day for enjoyment. Just like in Year 1, the children will bring home a book that has a number on the front which is matched closely to the phonics they are learning in school. This phonic book is an opportunity for children to read fluently at home and enjoy success. They should read it several times and get used to hearing themselves read out loud.

The children need to have their reading books and record in school every day. We will work towards the children knowing when and where to change their reading books so that they gain more independence as the term progresses. Ideally children should be reading every night, but we are mindful that our busy lives sometimes prevent this. Children should aim to read at least three times a week. Please speak to us at any time if you would like to discuss their reading.



Just like in Year 1 the children will be carrying on their maths passport as it is very important that they have a rapid recall of number facts to support them within all areas of maths. Every week we will test and set a new challenge for the following week. This challenge will be written in their maths passport and we will practise for a short time every day.

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In Year 2 we practise our spellings for the week during our spelling 4-a-day time. The children will recall and revisit their phonics knowledge whilst learning new spelling patterns and common exception words.

PE is every Wednesday. Children need black shorts, our Dallam Primary School blue PE T Shirt and trainers. Please can you ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school.

It is important that children stay hydrated throughout the day so please can you make sure that children have access to a water bottle every day.

We are sure this will be a wonderful term and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Miss Rowlands, Mrs Probulis and Miss Ellis