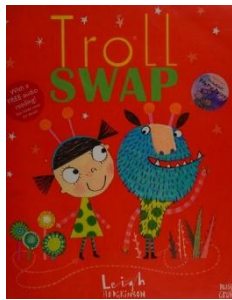


Rowan Class

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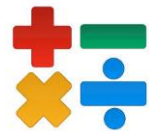


Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a lovely break over summer and are ready to enjoy the learning planned for us this term.



In English we will be 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.' The children will be exploring these characters and creating their own description of two characters who swap places. Later in the term we will share the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' in which we will be creating a fact file about owls from information we collect from the text.

Our maths work will focus on place value to 100 and strengthening our knowledge of number bonds. We will progress to adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. Our 4-a-day maths will continue to help us with number fluency, as will our weekly maths challenges.



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.

In Geography, the children will be learning all about 'What Lies Beyond Warrington?' We will be conducting our own research on the seven continents of the world.

Reading in Year 2 continues to be an important focus. We value the progress that children make within their reading and also enjoying the books that they read. We will promote this within school by reading a class novel every day and talking about books that the children are enjoying. Just like in Year 1, the children will bring a book

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. They will also continue to bring home a sharing book every week to enjoy with their adult. This book is not meant for them to be able to read, but instead to listen to an adult read it and promote our love of reading.

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 Tuesday and 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.

Mrs Read and Miss Parry