

Dear Parents and Carers

Rowan Class lead up to Christmas

The class are progressing well with their maths skills and we have now completed the topics of place value and addition and subtraction. Currently, we are concentrating on multiplication and division skills; I have been very impressed with the children's' keenness to practice their times tables using TT Rockstars and lots of them are also now achieving their maths medals too. It is vital that your child learn their tables to 12 x 12 including knowing the division facts - this will help them to multiply numbers quickly, divide numbers quickly, spot number patterns, and begin to work out fractions of numbers. It is expected that your child will know their times tables to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. Please also make sure that your child is beginning to practise reading the time on analogue and digital clock (if they cannot already tell the time).

Our Literacy this term is centred around the book 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. We shall be using this book to develop our descriptive writing skills and it is the reason our class (and indeed the rest of the school) has been taken over by frogs. Spelling and handwriting will be taught separately however the grammar will fit with this descriptive work and the children will focus on their individual targets to move their writing forward. The children will have spellings each week, given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. It is still extremely important that you continue to read and share books with your child, whether they are reading independently or particularly if they are struggling to read. Lots of children can decode well but it is important that they talk about the stories and words that they read so that they really understand them.

We have been finalising our art project this term and we look forward to sharing this with you on the evening of the exhibition. As an extension to our work on making human figures we have created a backdrop of Northampton buildings and then animated our figures using a movie maker package. In addition to completing our art project we will be finishing off our Geography project - looking at natural and manmade features of the United Kingdom.

In science we shall be carrying out a short topic relating to sound.

In addition to this, we are all excited about the many activities that will be linked to Christmas - including Christmas art day.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

Yours faithfully

Miss Lorna Burrow (Rowan Class Teacher)