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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Year 4 to Rowan Class

Welcome back after the summer holiday, I hope the children have enjoyed their first days back at school. This letter is to let you know what we will be doing in class over the following weeks and how you can help your child this year.

The first four weeks of the term will focus on place value in maths and this will be followed by addition and subtraction skills, measure (length and perimeter), multiplication and division and consolidation of all these aspects. Your child should continue to learn their times tables, continuing to use TT rockstars for this. 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 for the next few weeks will focus on Non - chronological reports. Writing reports initially about animals that the children know well but progressing to creating and writing about imaginary animals (this will link with our Class book for the term 'A Handful of Magic'). Spelling and handwriting will be taught separately however some of the grammar will fit with report work and the children will focus on individual targets to move their writing forward. The children will have spellings each week, given out on a Monday and tested on 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.

Our overarching project for the term will have a focus on art and Rowan Class will be studying the artist Lowry. Our trip to Leamington Spa will form an introduction to this artist and also provide fun workshops where we can respond to the artist's work. We shall be looking at what inspired Lowry to paint and looking at how we can use his techniques as an inspiration for our own work. This will link with history - as we consider the changes during Lowry's lifetime and look at what would have inspired him had he lived in Northampton. I am hoping to subsequently develop our art project to look at shoes and the history of the shoe industry in Northampton. Our art project will also link with geography as we look at the location of cities in the UK and compare the city of Manchester with Northampton town and Denton village.

In science we begin by looking at animals, including humans, with a focus on the digestive system, the functions of our teeth and food chains. This will be followed by living things in their habitats, grouping creatures, classification and changing environments.

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)