



STJB Rowan Class

Coming together with the Commonwealth

Spring 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Another year starts and another exciting topic lays ahead. Key Stage 2 are studying the Commonwealth, with Rowan class focussing on India. We will be looking at the geography and history of this country and how it compares to Great Britain.

In English, during the first half of the term, we will be writing information theme sheets based on facts about Kenya. We will then look at Diary writing and poetry.

In Maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division and then onto measurement., applying these in a variety of real life contexts. The Maths Planet challenges will continue to be a major part of supporting the children's mental strategies and we will be applying these to more formal arithmetic and problem solving activities.

Our Science project will be about states of matter and changing state including reversible and irreversible changes. The children will be consolidating how to carry out investigations.

In Computing, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of the Microsoft programs, including Word, Publisher and Excel, with opportunities for learning programming using Kodu and Scratch.

In our Open Futures sessions this half term Rowan Class will be working with Mr Cumming on Film IT, where they will be using Publisher to present their knowledge of India.

During PE, the children will be developing skills in a variety of invasion and net and wall games. Rowan class will also begin to extend their country and maypole dancing talents in preparation for the Revels in June.

The children should have their full P.E. kit in at all times, but always on Tuesdays and Fridays .

In R.E. along with the rest of the school, we will also looking at Judaism, focussing on the character of Moses, looking at the events in his life and his relationship with God. The second half of term, and building up to Easter, the children will be looking at the question, Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

Italian, taught by Francesco, will continue on a Monday afternoon.

In Art, we will look at Indian artists, where the children will consider the techniques, colours and symbolism that they have used and replicate this in their own work.

The children will continue to work in Talk Partners to improve their independence and collaboration skills.

Homework: Spelling—Children will have new spellings every 2 weeks They have a task for each week Monday to Friday in their homework book. This is also on the school website. Please check and sign your child's spelling work each evening.

Reading— the children are expected to read (with an adult wherever possible) 4 times a week. Please sign and make comments in their yellow reading record book to acknowledge that this has been completed.

Maths Planets challenge—The children will be expected to learn their Planet Challenge ready for a weekly test. Recently, I have seen a great improvement with many children in their mental maths ability. This is primarily due to the hard work they are putting

I hope the children enjoy the above curriculum, which provides the vehicle for many learning skills, knowledge and concepts. If you have any questions or queries about anything that would further help your child, then please either email me using the school office address or make an appointment before or after school so we can talk together. Thank you Mrs Fenton