

English

Our writing will be based on the book 'Quest' by Aaron Becker. We will use this book to explore a range of different genres of writing. We will plan and write our own quest stories, plan and write an explanation text and explore narrative poems. We will look at how to write in paragraphs and use fronted adverbials in our stories. During our daily whole-class guided reading sessions we will explore the book 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'. We will have daily spelling lessons and we will also be working on developing our handwriting and presentation skills.

R.E.

Our focus this term is the Creation story. We will be exploring why it is still important to Christians today.

Computing

Our online safety unit will teach us how to stay safe online by adjusting privacy settings to protect personal information, identifying fake news and developing ways to deal with upsetting content.

Science

In Science, we will be looking closely at Animals including Humans, and learning more details about teeth and the human digestive system.

By the end of the unit children should be able to discuss some different types of teeth and explain how food travels through our bodies.

Maths

Our main focus for term 1 is Number Place and Value. Year 4 will explore 4-digit numbers. This includes identifying, representing, reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers.

History

We will be learning all about Britain's great railways, reflecting on who benefitted from them and the impact of the railways on the small market town of Swindon. We will debate the positives and negatives brought about by the steam engine and discuss why Brunel was a significant person.

Art

We will be developing drawing skills and shading techniques to create botanical-inspired digital drawings.

PE

PE days will be on Mondays and Fridays. Indoor PE will this term focus dance. Outdoor PE will be taught by Steven and will focus on invasion games.

PSHE

The children will decide on the new class rules. They will also explore the topic 'Me and my relationships'.

MFL

This term our theme is 'All around town'. We will be understanding and describing places in France.

Reading

Please read with, or listen to your child read every day.

Music

We will be taking part in instrumental lessons on tuned percussion with a South African theme. We will be developing rhythmic, singing and notation skills.

Homework

Please see the separate *Pick and Mix* sheet.

Spellings

Please complete the *Sounds & Syllables* spelling sheets each week.

Year 4 Rowan Class