

# Year 5 Rowan Class

## **English**

Our writing will be based on the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We will rewrite the story from a different perspective during our fiction writing. Our non-fiction writing will take on the form of a discussion and writing a balanced argument. Towards the end of term we will explore poetry based on a theme using The Book of Practical Cats. During our daily whole-class guided reading sessions we will be sharing The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. We will have daily spelling lessons and we will also be working on our developing our handwriting and presentation skills.

## **R.E.**

Our focus this term is 'If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?' We will explore different places of worship.

## **Computing**

The children will be exploring Scratch by programming an animation and improving it through testing and debugging.

## **Science**

We will be exploring Space and describing the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to the sun in the solar system. We will describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth and describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximate spherical bodies. We will use Earth rotation to explain day and night due to the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

## **Maths**

Our main focus in Maths will be looking at short and long multiplication and division. We will also explore properties of shape.

## **Reading**

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

## **Music**

We will be exploring Caribbean music and performing a calypso-style song with voices and tuned percussion.

## **History**

Our theme is Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers? We will understand how and why the Vikings invaded Britain. We will explore how some kings in Britain dealt with the Viking invaders and understand how they lived and worked. We will understand what happened during the Viking invasions and know what Viking warriors were like.

## **Art**

We will be exploring Ancient Egyptian art this term. This will include looking at colours, patterns and shapes and learning how to represent information through art by using images, text and materials to make our compositions more interesting.

## **Homework**

Please see the separate *Pick and Mix* sheet.

## **Spellings**

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

## **PE**

PE days will be on Thursdays and Fridays. Indoor PE this term will be swimming on Thursday mornings. Outdoor PE will be taught by Steven and will focus on basketball.

## **PSHE**

We will explore the topic 'Rights and Respect'.