



### Our school values

Sept – Respect  
Oct – Co-operation  
Nov – Friendship  
Dec – Courage

## Rowans class termly curriculum information – Autumn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year our staff are Mrs Taylor (teaching all day Monday & Tuesday & on a Wednesday morning), Mrs Dollman (teaching Wednesday afternoon & all day Thursday & Friday). Our Teaching Assistants throughout the week are Mrs Dawes, Mrs Cawcutt, Miss Sharpe, Mrs Page & Mrs Constable.

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions, worries or just to say hello!



### English

Reading, writing, spelling, phonics & grammar will be taught in line with the National Curriculum for England.

Children will have daily phonics/spelling lessons and will learn about different types of sentences and how to form a short narrative. We will continue to develop handwriting skills both pre-cursive s and cursive S.

### Maths

Place value and number: to 20 for Y1 and to 100 for Y2, counting, reading and writing numbers and comparing and ordering numbers.

Addition and subtraction: using number bonds and subtraction facts and solving problems.

Geometry: Recognising and naming 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties.

### Science

Each month we will look at the changes in weather, temperature and the natural world. We will be studying some aspects of the weather as well as linking science to our topic of Remembrance by investigating poppies. Our work will include investigations and making observations about what the children have found out.

**Dream – Believe – Succeed**

## History and Geography

Children will reflect on their memories and understand the meaning of symbols, in particular the Remembrance Day poppy. We will explore and discover the reasons behind Remembrance Day and how the event is marked around the world. We will use our mapping skills to locate battlefields around the world.

## Music

The children will be exploring the difference between pulse and rhythm. They will be introduced to simple notation of time values and create and perform their own rhythmic patterns.

## Homelearning

Children will be expected to read at home everyday for 15 minutes.

Year 2 will be bringing home weekly spellings – there will be a test & dictation every Monday.

All children would benefit from practising N=number bonds and tables 2x 10x 5x 3x

Homelearning will be set on a Wednesday every other week and needs to be handed in the following Tuesday. Tasks will be based on something we have been learning or preparation for future learning.

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## Computing

‘We are treasure hunters’

The children will learn to use programmable toys safely and sensibly, as well as showing respect for the work of their peers. They will program a toy to move around a map to find buried treasure. They will start by thinking of algorithms for their routes then input these into the robot. They will learn to predict how the robot will move and debug their programs.

‘We are celebrating’

Children will design and make a digital greetings card.

## PE

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children will be coached by Premier Sport on Wednesdays. Children will need plimsolls, shorts and t-shirt. Joggers and a sweatshirt may be used for outside use. Please name PE kits and leave in school in a named PE bag on the trolley outside the classroom. This term the Rowans will be working on basketball and dance.

## PSHE

In PSHE sessions and assemblies, the children will be exploring our monthly values. During the term, the children will be recapping school rules and expectations. As part of our work on Protective Behaviours, children will explore their early warning signals to help with identifying and managing emotions. After half term, the children will create a personal network of people who help them. In November, the children will also take part in learning associated with Anti-Bullying Week.

## Art and DT

Our Art & DT learning will be based on our topic work. We will use our own experiences & ideas as the inspiration for artwork – create poppy pictures inspired by Tower of London; display, create sculptures of poppies to create a collage of a field of poppies and share ideas using drawing, painting, sculpture and collage.

## RE

This term’s topics are ‘Signs & Symbols’ and ‘Presents’. The class will be looking at signs and symbols today, in day-to-day life and in religion. In the second half of term, we will be thinking about why we give presents and relating this to the gifts brought by the wise men to Jesus in Bethlehem.

## OFSTED Parent View

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