



**AUTUMN 2
NEWSLETTER
2022**

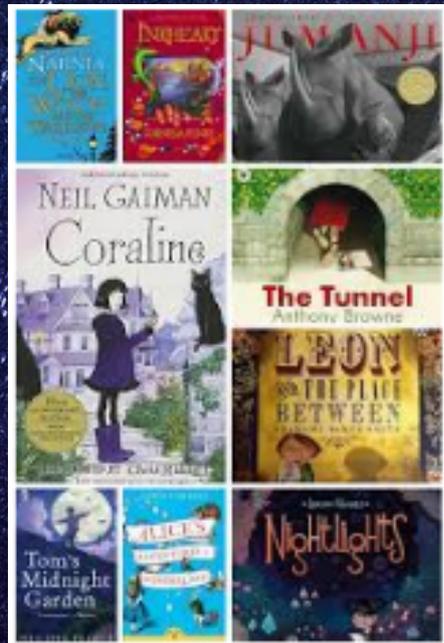


Greetings Earthlings! This half term Rowan Class will be blasting off into space and visiting Winchester Science Museum as part of our Science learning. As well as our intergalactic adventures in Science, we will be returning to Earth for Geography to find out all about our planet's largest mountains. We will be thinking about planning for the Christmas fair for DT - designing and creating gingerbread houses to sell. In RE will be looking at the topic of Incarnation and asking: Was Jesus the Messiah?



Talk 4 Writing

Our fiction unit will be writing a portal story with a focus on setting, including how to use figurative language to engage our readers. Our model text will be based on our class novel - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. For non-fiction we will be writing a discursive text asking, 'Do elves exist?'



Maths

We have had a very successful start to Year 5 maths and we will begin after half term by using all we have learnt about the four operations to solve word problems. After this our focus will turn to graphs and statistics.



Dates for the Diary



31/10/2022 - INSET day (no school)
01/11/2022 - First day back
02/11/2022 - Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm
04/11/2022 - Mufti day for hamper donations
07/11/2022 - Swimming lessons every day this week
07/11/2022 - Open classroom from 2.45pm
11/11/2022 - Reading Cafe
16/11/2022 - Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm
18/11/2022 - Mufti day for chocolate donations
24/11/2022 - Winchester Science Museum
25/11/2022 - Mufti day for bottle donations
02/12/2022 - Christmas Fair
08/12/2022 - Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/2022 - Christmas Carol Service (4.30pm)
16/12/2022 - Last day of term (1.15pm finish)
03/01/2023 - INSET day (no school)
04/01/2023 - First day back

Our value this half term is:
Service

Things to remember:

Our PE lessons are on Wednesday and alternate Fridays but please keep PE kits in school all week in case of changes. Make sure to include a pair of socks if you are wearing tights and a pair of trainers that fit.

Forest School in Year 5 is on alternate Friday afternoons. Children must have named wellies that fit and a coat in school every day so that they can access the field at playtime.

Homework

We will continue to set homework on a Friday and it will need to be handed in by Wednesday. There will be a homework club during Tuesday lunchtime for children who would prefer to complete theirs in school. Tasks will be set for either Maths or English which should each take no more than 30 mins per week.

Children will continue to be given spellings to practise each week. These can be accessed on Spelling Shed. Please also encourage your child to visit TT Rockstars where they can expect class battles and even house battles this half term.

Please continue to listen to your child read every day and log their reading on the Boom Reader app. Research shows that listening to your child read regularly has a huge impact on their progress in both reading and writing.



We always welcome volunteers in school. Whether you are interested in coming in on a regular basis, or in helping out on school trips, please contact the office to complete the required paperwork.

How to help at home...



Continue to celebrate children's successes and to encourage positive attitudes to learning. Talk to the children about what they are doing in class, we are very proud of all they are achieving and we know that they are too.



We learn new Trickbox strategies every half term to help with emotional management and personal development. More info at <https://trickbox.co.uk> We will also be running parent workshops in school to highlight these strategies. If you would like to attend please contact the school office.

