

Rowan Class Newsletter – Autumn 1

English Focus Texts

Tar Beach

Writing Focus Text

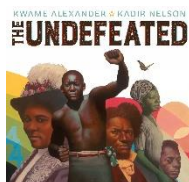
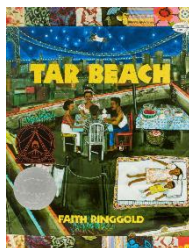
The children will explore the theme of 'freedom' and create their own poems. They will also be learning the various skills associated with script writing, writing dialogue and stage directions, including writing in present tense, using brackets, contractions and noun phrases.

The Undefeated

Reading Comprehension Focus Text

There will be opportunities for children to practise answering retrieval, inference and summarising questions, as well as to express their opinions about the events presented through the text.

Our class novel this half term is *The Boy at the Back of the Class*



Maths Focus

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

In Maths, we will also be using TT Rockstars to practice and improve fluency of times tables up to 12x12.



Science

Our focus this half term will be **living things and their habits**. We will be learning about grouping living things in a variety of ways and exploring classification keys. We will also be learning about how environments can change and how this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

In addition to this, we will continue to develop our enquiry skills by carrying out fair tests by controlling variables and recording our results in different ways.

Our theme this term is FINDING FREEDOM

Music

Rock and Roll

In music this term, children will play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Children will improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.

We will also continue to develop an understanding of the history of music.



RE

The Big Question:

Where do Christian religious beliefs come from?

PE

This term, PE lessons will take place weekly on **Mondays and Tuesdays**.

History

In history, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots.

Art

In Art, we will be practising and refining our sketching skills. We will also be learning about the famous artist Salvador Dali and surrealism.



Homework

In Year 4, children are expected to practice their spellings by completing activities sent home on a weekly basis.

Reading should take place daily, ideally with an adult listener. School reading books will be changed after an adult at school has checked your child's understanding of the text. Children should record their reading daily in their home-school diary.

If you are waiting for a new book, you can access an online library of books at their reading level by logging into Bug Club.

Please encourage your child to access TTRockstars on a regular basis to support them with their fluency of times tables.

