

Rowan Class Newsletter – Summer 1

English Focus Texts

Writing Focus Text: The Ever-Changing Earth by Graham Baker Smith

Outcomes: Informal letters, explanatory leaflets, list poems, dictionary of terms

Main outcome: Narrative sequel as a class book

Reading Comprehension Focus Text: The Humans: Ancient Civilisations by Jonny Marx

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.



Maths

Decimals

Money

Time



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 **the digestive system**.

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



Our theme this term is **Unearthing Civilisations**

Geography



In Geography, we will be locating the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.

PE

This term, PE lessons will take place on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

Our PE focus this term is cricket and invasion games.



Art

In Art, we will be exploring textiles. We will look at the work of famous artists before creating our own masterpiece at the end of the unit.



Homework

In Year 4, children are expected to practice their spellings on a weekly basis.

Reading should take place daily, ideally with an adult listener and children should record their reading daily in their home-school diary.

School reading books will be changed after an adult at school has checked your child's understanding of the text. Children will be asked to complete a short book review to ensure the book has been read.

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.

Children should complete tasks set on TTRockstars on a weekly basis to support their fluency of times tables. Children will continue to participate in weekly class competitions and earn certificates to recognise their achievements, effort and progress.

