

Rowan Class Newsletter – Autumn 1

English Focus Texts

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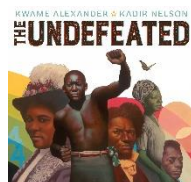
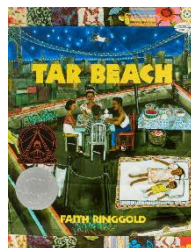
Writing Focus Text

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.



Maths Focus

Place Value

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

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 **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

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. Children are encouraged to bring a book from home to enjoy during quiet reading time.

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

Children's log in details can be found on the front page of their yellow reading diaries.



