

Rowan Class Newsletter – Spring 1

English Focus Texts

Writing Focus Text: *Frindleswylde* by Natalia & Lauren O'Hara

Narrative sequels Letters, voting slips, dialogue, poetry, birds-eye view descriptions, speeches.

Reading Comprehension Focus Text: *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman

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

**Multiplication and Division
Length and Perimeter**

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 **states of matter**. We will be grouping materials and exploring changing states of matter.



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 **Darkness and Light**

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:

What do we mean by truth?
Is seeing believing?

PE

This term, PE lessons will take place weekly on **Wednesdays**. Tai chi will take place on Thursdays.



Swimming sessions will take place on Tuesdays.

Art

In Art, we will be developing our sculpture techniques. We will learn about some famous sculptures and create our own masterpiece at the end of this unit.



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. This term, children will participate in weekly class competitions and earn certificates to recognise their achievements, effort and progress.

