

## Rowan Class - Autumn Term 2016 Newsletter

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer! This newsletter will begin to explain what we will be learning in class this term.

### Subject Overview

The whole school topic for the first two weeks is Roald Dahl. The children will be reading and writing Roald Dahl books and extracts, taking part in theatre workshops, producing art work as well as many more Roald Dahl themed activities including the Dahlicious Dress Up Day next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>! A new Key Stage Two topic will begin in the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September. More information on this topic will be sent home at a later date.

**Spellings** will continue to be taught through spelling lessons in school. Further information will be sent home at a later date explaining the spelling focus for each week. The National Curriculum word lists for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 are now pre-printed in your child's new Reading Record. These lists are used within the classroom, however please also encourage your child to learn these spellings at home.

### P.E.

P.E. will normally be taught on a **Monday** (indoor) and **Thursday** (outdoor) in school. Please ensure that your child has their **complete P.E. kit in school on a Monday and only takes it home on a Friday**, as timetable changes sometimes occur. To promote independent responsibility in KS2, should your child forget their P.E. kit more than once per half term, they will lose a Dojo Point.

### Home Learning

Please encourage your child to read every night, making comments in their Reading Record, accordingly. Just a short period of **10 minutes reading each evening** will improve reading fluency as well as writing and spelling skills. This will help to improve their work both in and out of school. As your child progresses with their reading, so does their responsibility to question the meaning of new words or phrases.

We will have a **Times Tables test each week**, usually on a Wednesday, which will cover a range of tables. Your child should practice their times tables and related division facts regularly; just 5 minutes every day will improve their recall.

### Education City & Purple Mash

Remember, each child has their own individual password to access Education City and Purple Mash. This is a great resource for practising core skills at home as well as in school. The children are free to browse and complete the online activities (passwords and further information attached).

### Class Dojo

Class Dojo will continue to be used as a behaviour system across the school; the rewards are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages, including Class Story to find out what we have been up to in class!

I hope that this information is useful to you. If you have any queries or questions please feel free to come to see me, preferably at the end of the school day, or send a message via Class Dojo, or a note; I will be more than willing to help.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Jo House (Rowan Class Teacher)

