

Welcome to Rowan Class

Mrs Prescott - Rowan Class Teacher (Mon, Tues, Weds am and Fri),
Assistant Headteacher, Writing and Assessment Lead.

Miss Khan - Rowan Class Teacher (Weds pm and Thurs) MFL Lead

Mrs Taylor - Classroom TA).

Who are we?

Mrs Prescott

A bit of information about me...

Teaching for 16 years, across the primary phase. I am passionate about teaching – always wanted to be a teacher!

I have 3 children – 13, 8 and 9 months.

I am a massive rugby supporter – (Wigan)

We will be learning about...

Topics

Autumn - Family Album

Spring - All Creatures Great and Small

Summer - The Great Outdoors

In English we will learn about:

As writers we will be:

Reading well known traditional tales, meeting their characters and writing our own.

Recounting a family event, writing some riddles and using our persuasive tone.

Other activities will include:

Grammar and spelling games

In Maths we will learn about:

Place value, working with numbers up to and within 100. Working with different weights and lengths. Building on our addition and subtraction facts and working with 2D and 3D shapes.

We will be working on solving problems and mathematics in the wider context with its impact on real life.

In PSHE we will be learning about:

Being me in my world

Looking at safe places, understanding what makes us happy and what makes us special.

In R.E. we will learn about:

The Bible: Looking at the books and stories of the Bible and looking at the sacred texts of other faiths.

Christmas, The journey to Bethlehem: Looking at the special people who made the journey see the birth of Jesus and why.

In Science we will learn about:

What is it like in autumn?

Looking at our seasons, the change in weather and how our day length changes

What are animals like?

The different characteristics of animals and what animals need to survive in their lives.

In PE we will learn about:

Dance: themed dances around the Olympics

Fundamental skills: learning basic skills including hopping, skipping, jumping and different skills with a ball.

Gymnastics: Travelling, balancing, jumping and using apparatus to create a sequence

In Geography we will learn about:

Where do we live?

Learning about continents and oceans; countries of the UK and capital cities.

We will be looking closely at Darwen and our home town.

In DT we will learn about:

Creating and designing Baby Bear's chair by exploring ways to strengthen structures, developing solutions to improve designs.

Designing a smoothie: learning about the growth of fruit and vegetables.

Family Album

Autumn 2021 - Rowan Class



In Art we will learn about:

Creating a portrait in the style of different artists. Making use of different techniques and mediums to create them.

In Music we will learn about:

British Seaside songs: using musical vocabulary and creating our own songs.

All about me: identifying the difference between pulse and rhythm.

In Computing we will learn about:

Online safety stories - learning how to stay safe when online.

Beginning to record instructions as a program on the computer.

PE Kits: (White T-shirt, black shorts & black pumps) come dressed in your PE kits on both a Tuesday and Friday. All jewellery, e.g. earrings **must** be removed.

Homework: Each week your child; will be expected to read 3 books and learn spellings. There will be a half termly maths and English task and your child will be able to choose something creative to complete from given ideas.

Reading: Reading books are changed once a week - Please listen to your child read and sign their reading record.

My classroom

- My classroom is a calm, inviting environment, where children are not afraid to make mistakes and thoroughly enjoy learning.

Morning

Four a Day Register Wake and Shake	Phonics	English	Snack and Playtime	Maths	Lunchtime
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Afternoon

Topic/Science/ RE/PE	Reading	Playtime	Computing/Music /PSHE	Story time
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School priorities

- Well-being

We are focussing on the well-being of our children as part of the Covid 'catch-up'.

Children's learning is centred around our Christian Vision.

As a Christian family at St Peter's School, we create a unique place of learning, nurturing the gifts that God in his awesomeness has given us. We encourage every child and prepare them for life's journey, inspiring them to fulfil their potential, their dreams and their aspirations.

- Parental involvement

We ask you to support us, so that we can work together to provide the very best for your children. If we work together we are more likely to be successful.

- We are launching a new reading and phonics scheme.
- Writing and handwriting to improve presentation and build stamina.

Reading

By the time children leave St Peter's they are fluent, confident and enthusiastic readers, who can recommend books to their peers. They have a thirst for knowledge, can read a wide range of genres and confidently participate in discussions about what they have read.

Here are some tips to help you support your child at home

- Keep sessions short
- Keep sessions relaxed – find a comfortable place where you and your child can settle down
- Give lots of praise, progress may not always be fast – children do not always find the skill of reading and understanding easy to grasp
- Talk about the book before you begin to read – look at the front cover, and the pictures (if any) and ask your child to think about or even guess what the book may be about.
- Ask questions to check your child's understanding e.g. What might happen next? Why did something happen?

Home Reading and Homework

Home Reading

Reading books will be changed once a week on a Monday

Your child will bring home 3 books each week;

1. Reading scheme book
2. Phonics book
3. Story book

Homework

Weekly;

English activity, Spelling Shed

Maths activity, Times Tables Rockstars

Termly;

Cross of activities linked to the different subjects. Choose which ones you do and when.



Reading at home

- Read at least 3 times a week. We have a reward system!
 - Enjoy sharing stories.
 - Read together, take turns, pick out common exception words.
 - Sign the reading record.
 - Make it fun!
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- There will be reading and phonics workshops later in the term.

- Talk about the book afterwards – did your child enjoy it? Why? What was the best bit?
- If your child struggles over a particular word, try to find ways to help them remember it e.g. by looking at the 'shape' of the word, or by guessing the word from the meaning of the sentence.
- Don't give up on the bedtime story, even if your child is a good reader. The more stories and books your child hears, the more they will want to read.
- Be a good model for your children – let them see you reading – anything and everything – newspapers, magazines, catalogues, books etc. – let them know that reading is a valuable skill.
- Telling them about a book or story you liked when you were a child. You may still be able to find a copy of it on the internet!
- Making up a story or telling them about when you were a child or something that happened to you at school, remember you don't always need a book to tell a good story.
- Taking it in turns to read parts of the story.
- Telling them one thing you really enjoy about listening to them read.

Well-being support for families in school

This is Mrs Blokland and she is our family well-being co-ordinator.

She can offer support in many ways.

You can contact her during the week via email.



Information for parents

- Text system – we need your most up to date numbers in school please
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- Emails - newsletters
- School website
- Facebook page will be updated weekly with information – coming soon!!!

PTA

Our PTA members are parents, teachers, staff and friends of the school. We meet each term, usually just after school, to organise fund raising activities and events from cake sales and discos to Summer Fayres and Christmas Markets.

All funds made are fed back into school towards trips and equipment for all children to enhance their learning and discovery.

If you think you have any ideas for fund raising, organising, please come along. We need ideas for raising funds AND spending the money for the benefit of your children. Our next (socially distanced) PTA Meeting, to be held on Monday 13th September 2021, @ 3.45pm in Alder Class. Children can attend and will have fun activities.

Current ideas for spending include: outdoor Reading Huts; raised beds for children to become food producers/gardeners; charity donations to East Lancashire Hospice.

Look forward to seeing you,

Kathy Williams.



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