



# Rowan Class Information Evening

September 2022



# Reminders

- **Snacks**  
Just fruit or vegetables at break-time.
- **Uniform**  
No make-up  
no nail varnish  
single stud earrings.
- No slip on shoes please.

| School Shoes   |  |
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| Acceptable   | Unacceptable   |
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# Rowan Class

- 30 pupils
- Taught by Mrs Sealey and supported by Mrs Kelly (Mon-Fri all day)



# Communication

Please send an email via Mr Neighbour  
[w.neighbour@newlands.hants.sch.uk](mailto:w.neighbour@newlands.hants.sch.uk)  
or ring and leave a message. I will  
always try and call you back the same  
day if possible.



# Thinking Big

- ‘Thinking Big’ is my ethos in Rowan Class.
- We encourage each other to embrace challenges
- It is fine to make mistakes and we encourage each other to learn from them
- We always aim high (higher than we might think we can go!)
- I can’t do it – YET!



- We will feel safe, valued and happy
- We will listen to the ideas and thoughts of others
- We will share our successes and failures from in and out of school
- We will work as a team and as confident individuals
- We will laugh a lot and enjoy our final year at Newlands!



# Teaching and Learning Expectations

- The children are encouraged to be active learners by:
  - Asking for help
  - Contributing
  - Making links
  - Making the most of all learning time
  - Reflecting
  - Being honest
- Every minute matters (coming in at 8.30am gives 15 minutes extra learning time every day). There will be purposeful work for the children to complete from 8.30 every day.



# Times Tables

- Knowing their times tables is absolutely vital for the children
- The children need to have instant recall of all their tables up to  $12 \times 12$
- Knowing times tables makes Year 6 maths so much easier
- Practise them everywhere and anywhere, every day!





# Curriculum Map

You can find the Rowan Class curriculum overview on the school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. All the details of the topics and subject areas that we will be looking at this academic year can be found here.



# Key dates

I am hoping to get another trip planned for Year 6 this half-term – as soon as I have confirmed this, I will let you know.

We will be going on a local area visit this term to support our history learning.

- w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – SATs week



# Homework

- Set on a Monday and due in the following Monday
- Maths, English and reading every week
- Purposeful Practice or pre-learning and a degree of repetition
- Never set during a holiday
- Covering both their books in sticky-back plastic is really useful to keep them in good condition in school bags



# Helping with Homework

- I will have explained the task to the children and also include instructions in their homework book
- I will only set work that the children already know how to do, so it is extending and consolidating work from in class
- If there are any problems with homework, please ask your child to speak to me as soon as possible
- Be picky – attention to detail is vital



- Mistakes are fine – everybody is a learner and it is ok to get things wrong
- Please do not show the children any new methods of working as it is likely to confuse them - they will know the methods we use from class
- If you do help the children with homework, please just write a brief note next to the work and I will know what was independent and what needed support



# Reading

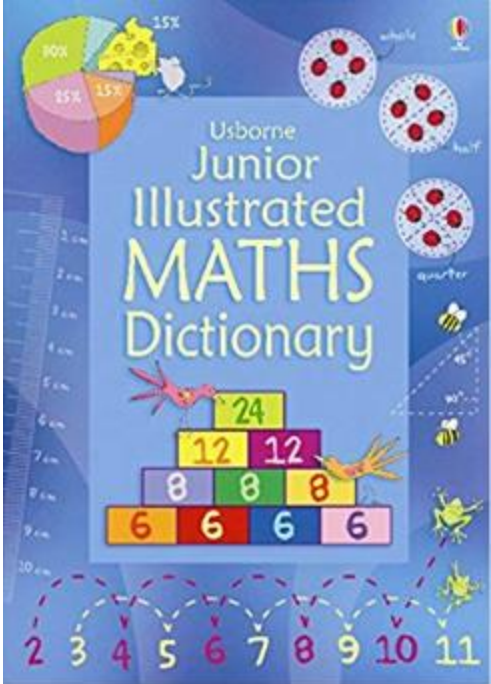
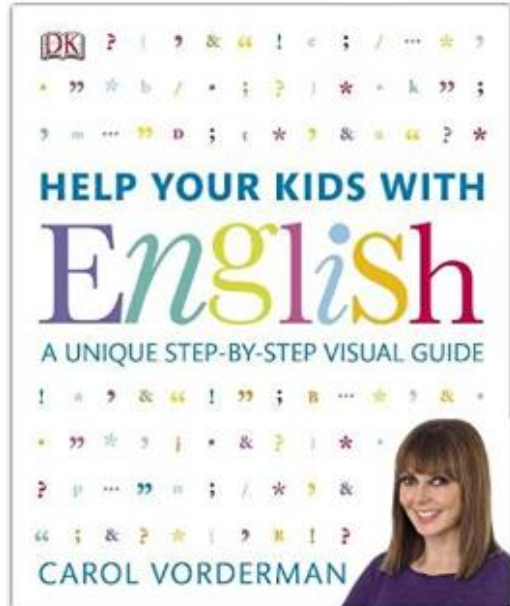
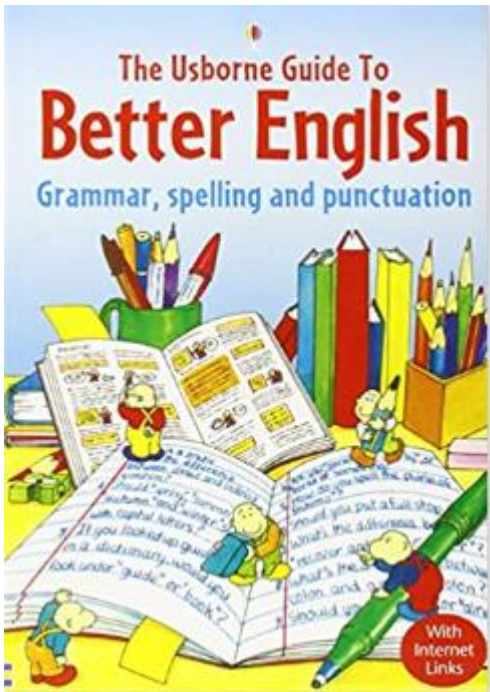
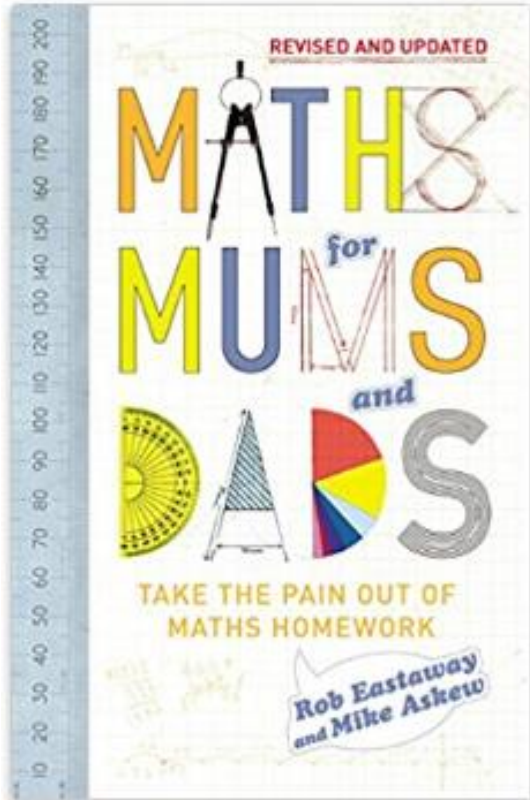
- Reading will be a part of our homework every week and will have a positive impact on the children's vocabulary
- Children will be expected to be able to talk to me about the book they are reading
- Read for a minimum of 80 minutes per week
- 20 minutes of this reading time should be to an adult out-loud and/or discussion about the text
- Read a variety of texts by different authors



- If the children are struggling to find a book they like, I have plenty of recommendations
- I cannot stress how important reading is! It builds vocabulary and punctuation knowledge, as well as comprehension
- I will always read to the children at school – we are currently reading ‘Orphans of the Tide’, for pleasure, alongside Goodnight Mister Tom
- It is useful for the children to have a reading book with them in school
- We will be going to the library regularly



# Homework Help for Adults





# SATs

- The SATs tests in May 2023 will grade your child for the following subjects:
  - Maths
  - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
  - Reading
- Writing is graded by Mrs Sealey and moderated by external professionals
- More information will be given about SATs nearer the time – please do **not** worry about them!





If you have any questions and cannot get to the Meet the Teacher session on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, please email your question to Mr Neighbour [w.neighbour@newlands.hants.sch.uk](mailto:w.neighbour@newlands.hants.sch.uk)