

# Rowan Class 2018-19

## Notes for parents

September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below some school and class information which I hope you will find useful.

### School Priorities

As a school, we set ourselves ambitious targets in order to continuously improve. Some of our school development priorities for this academic year are:

- To plan and create opportunities for regular cross-curricular and quality first teaching of writing across the school.
- To improve outcomes for vulnerable and higher achieving pupil groups.
- To use additional funding to ensure disadvantaged pupils make the progress of which they are capable.

### Behaviour

- Our School Core Values are: *Honesty, Respect and Responsibility*; children will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to these values.
- We are no longer using a system of red or yellow cards. Our rewards and sanctions are:

#### **Rewards:**

Smile  
Verbal praise ('well done')  
Thumbs-up  
Applause  
Stickers  
Written comments on work  
Team points  
'Star of the Day'

#### **Sanctions:**

Verbal warning  
'Time Out'  
Class Teacher/Mrs Sammon to contact parents/carers

Please refer to our School Behaviour Policy for more information.

## Class Matters

### Staffing

As class teacher, I will be in class most days if you would like to ask anything but I am also very happy to be contacted by email:

[meparsons@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:meparsons@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk)

On Monday afternoons, the class teacher will be Mrs Latham (in term one) and Mrs Smedley (terms two - six). There is no teaching assistant based in class but support sessions will be provided outside class by other staff, including Mrs Smedley, Mrs Smith and Mrs McKendrick.

### Curriculum

This term's topic is 'Invaders!' (Saxons and Vikings) and will run until Christmas. A curriculum map outlining key subject areas is attached.

### Homework

- Weekly homework is set on Thursdays and is due on or before the following Tuesday. Homework books must be brought into school by the deadline but work may also be e-mailed, if unable to print at home.
- Spellings will be tested weekly on Friday mornings. Spelling lists will be given out a week in advance.
- New reading record books have been given out. We encourage children to read at home every day, whether from their school library book or others from home. Please make a note in their record diary when you have heard your child read, when they read independently or finish a book. When a child has completed twenty 'reads' in their reading diary, they can bring it to Mrs Sammon or Mrs McLaughlin to receive a special stamp in their book and they will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

### PE lessons

PE days are usually Mondays and Thursdays but will be **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for term one. However, please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day in case the timetable changes. All children participate in these activities and so it is important that they always have their named PE kit in school hanging on their peg. A drawstring bag is preferable for space in the cloakroom. Please note : School PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or black daps. A Bridlewood hooded top or tracksuit bottoms may also be worn for outdoor PE during colder weather. During PE lessons, earrings must be removed or taped up and long hair tied back.

## Equipment

- As cloakroom space is limited, children should avoid bringing large bags into school.
- Children must have a water bottle in school, preferably with a sports cap, and it should only contain water. Bottles are placed in the tray at the back of the classroom each morning and should be taken home to wash every evening. To save confusion, bottles need to be clearly labelled, as do all clothes and bags.
- Children should not bring pencil cases into school.

## Key Diary Dates

'Doing it for Dan' run	27 <sup>th</sup> September
Individual School Photos	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Speed-stacking Day	17 <sup>th</sup> October
End of term (for children)	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
INSET Day	24 <sup>th</sup> October
Parent Consultations	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Class trip to <i>Oxenwood</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas carols	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lunch	19 <sup>th</sup> December
End of term	21 <sup>st</sup> December (1:30pm)
Class assembly	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Class visit to <i>Longleat</i>	Term 6 (date tbc)

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment - either in person or by letter/email - to arrange a meeting.

Regards,  
Ms S. Parsons