

## Summer Term 1 Newsletter 2021

### Rowan and Birch Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another term and into the final two terms of this academic year. This term will see Year 6 continuing their preparation for Secondary School.

The children will be learning about the topic 'Pushing Boundaries' where they will find out about three different 'Earth Heroes' who all advocate for action against climate change and protecting the Earth. They have already started looking into different biomes and Earth Day also encouraged their interest in protecting our planet.

This newsletter is to remind you of some of the important dates and events coming up this term so that you can feel fully prepared and informed.

Thank you, as always, for continuing to support your child and the school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Stanley and Mrs L Gough

### Important dates and information

#### Reading Books

The children should still be reading their school reading books at home. They are given two books: one that is at their current level and another which will ensure the children are exposed to different genres and types of vocabulary. We would like to encourage you to continue to spend time reading with your children at home and record when you have listened to them in their reading records. We suggest that this be done three times a week. As the children are now more independent readers, you do not have to listen to them all 3 times. It may be that your child reads before bed, they can write this into their reading record and then you can sign it to confirm that they have read at home. As well as the school reading books, the children can access books to read online at [readingeggs.com](http://readingeggs.com). Every child has a username and password for this.

If you would like some ideas on how to support your child's reading at home, please use the following link:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

#### Attendance

Should your child be ill, please phone the school office to inform them of your child's absence.

#### Water Bottles

Water bottles can be brought into school but will remain in the children's bags during the day. Children will be able to access their water bottles when required. The children are welcome to bring in a bottle of water for

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playtimes and lunchtimes. Please make sure that this is labelled with the child's name and class and that it is filled with plain water (not squash or fizzy drinks).

**Swimming**

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid- 19 swimming will not take place this term.

**Sun Cream/Hats/Coats**

As we move hopefully into warmer weather, could you please make sure that children have applied sun cream prior to arriving at school. We also ask that they bring a sun hat to protect them further. As you know, the British weather can be unpredictable so please ensure the children still bring a coat with them each day just in case it decides to rain.

**P.E. kits**

This term PE will take place on a **Thursday**. Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school each week. We recommend that PE kits are taken home regularly and washed.

Please will all parents and carers check that their children have labels in their kit with their name on or that their name is written on the labels in fabric pen. Alternatively, kits are now available on Amazon and other websites where you can have your child's name and class printed onto stickers. These are stuck onto the labels of the children's clothes and do not come off in the wash.

**Head lice**

We would like to remind children with long hair that it is important to keep it tied up to minimise the risk of catching head lice and to keep the children safe during P.E. and practical Science lessons.

**Homework**

You may have noticed since the return to school from remote learning, homework looks slightly different. The children will now have a fresh tick sheet in their homework books every Monday. This will show the children what homework they need to be completing and for how long. To avoid the amount of books and paper being transferred between home and school, the majority of the children's homework will involve them using their online educational platforms. Having the homework based online will also prepare the children for their transition to Secondary School where the majority of homework there is also online. Once the children have completed the tasks on the tick sheet we ask that you sign to confirm it has been done and this will also be checked online at school. If the children complete all the activities in the week before the new tick sheet is handed out, they will receive 5 Carrot Points!

**Arrival and Pick Up Times**

With the ongoing situation of Covid-19, we ask that you remind yourself and continue to adhere to the times given for your child to be dropped off and picked up from school. These times are in place to try and meet the

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social distancing measures as best as possible, for the safety of yourself and your child/children. Year 6 start their school day at 8:50am so need to be at the side door ready to enter at this time. The gate will shut at 9am but we stress the importance of them being here at 8:50am as there are learning tasks as soon as they enter which we do not want anyone to miss. It is also important that you are not dropping the children off much earlier than this time as they should not be waiting outside the school building due to other bubbles dropping off. The end of the school day for Year 6 is now 3:20pm. Again, we ask that you are here on time to pick up your children to avoid bubbles crossing over.

### SRE

This term we will be starting out SRE topic. You will receive a letter next week outlining the areas that will be covered.

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