

Elsenham C. of E. Primary School



2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER: Rowan Class

Miss Wilson and Mrs Fox

Welcome back to school!

I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful Easter break with family and friends, following a jam-packed spring term; the children worked very hard and certainly earned their two week break!

Looking ahead to the summer term, we have lots of exciting topics to delve into and plenty of summer activities planned, so keep an eye out in the weekly newsletter to keep up-to-date.

Homework this term will continue to be daily reading, spellings, times tables and a weekly maths and English task on Atom.

Your ongoing support is hugely appreciated. Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you need to.

Mathematics

During maths this term, we will begin focusing on fractions, money, time, shape and statistics. Alongside this, we will continue our focus on multiplication and division facts, so your ongoing support in helping your child to become fluent with their times tables will be of great benefit to them. It is important for your child to understand how maths can be applied in real life situations, so please look for opportunities where you can challenge your child to practise their developing money skills. We will explore telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. Finding opportunities outside of school, at home or out and about, to ask your child what the time is would be great practice for them! We will then move on to looking at the duration between two times, such as reading bus timetables and TV schedules.

Science

We will be exploring the world of plants. This will involve lifecycles of flowering and non-flowering species. We hope to get really hands on in science and show our knowledge of how to look after and recognise plants. We will also investigate light and shadows. With lots of practical sessions planned, the children will be discovering light sources, as well as the science behind how shadows are formed.

And there's more!

P.E. lessons this term will take place on a Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor). We will be practising for Sports Day through outdoor athletics sessions. During indoor lessons, pupils will focus on dance in the first half term and gymnastics in the second half term. Please ensure that your child wears P.E. kit on these days, with their hair tied up and earrings taken out.

In history this term, we will be studying the Romans. This is always a favourite as it is such an exciting topic. We will cover all aspects of the Roman Empire, from invasions to gladiator fights in the Colosseum!

Geography will prove to be interesting this term as the children discover where things come from in our topic on 'Global Trade'. Using maps and internet-based searches, we will investigate how far things have travelled to reach us and also why

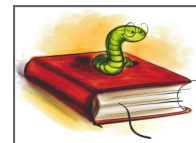
English

This term, the class will be learning about a number of genres in their English lessons. Firstly, they will study poetry (following some very successful poems last term!) before diving in to writing adventure stories, taking inspiration from well-known narratives. The children will be encouraged to use a range of features such as: complex sentence structures, speech, adverbs and prepositions.

Later in the term, we will move on to learning how to write persuasively—watch this space!

Reading

The children will continue to have access to class and library books, which we strongly encourage you to enjoy with them, supporting them with their reading aloud voice, word-reading skills and comprehension. Please refer to the VIPERS sheet that was given to you at parents evening.



Spelling

Throughout the school week, there will continue to be a focus on learning and applying spelling rules, such as prefixes and suffixes, as well as the words from the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spelling List. There will be a weekly spelling test on these words and towards the end of the summer term, our ever-popular Spelling Bee.