



Rowling Class: Curriculum Letter for Autumn 2019

Welcome back to the new academic year and we hope that you have all had a restful summer. We wish to welcome you all to Rowling Class, whether you are returning or are new to us. Following our move up days in July we are very confident that the children will all settle well and a strong work ethic is already evident amongst them. We have an exciting term ahead with our whole school topic of Africa, we will be working with 'Explorers Educate' to learn about Rhinos and the prospect of them becoming extinct. However, we shall be looking at many different aspects of Africa across all subject areas. As ever, the happiness and success of your children relies on a partnership between school and home, so please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries. From Mrs Stockham and Rowling class staff.

History

We will be looking at African tribes and historical events that have influenced the people of Africa and the wider world community.

RE

This term the children will be working with Mrs Weston to explore what it means to belong to the Jewish faith.

PSHE - Jigsaw

- Being me in my world

PE

- Team Games and Dance

Our PE day is Wednesday; please ensure that your child wears the correct school PE kit to school on the day.

English

- Reading and associated skills
- Comprehension skills
- SPAG - spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Fiction and non-fiction writing linked to our Africa topic.

Maths

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction - written and mental
- Calculation
- Multiplication & Division
- Reasoning skills
- Problem solving

We shall be concentrating each week on timetables as well.

Music

The children of Key Stage 2 will be learning the songs from the Lion King musical as well as practising their drumming skills and using other musical instruments,

At home

- **Continue to support learning of times tables and spellings - using Times Tables Rockstars**
- **Checking homework is done each week**
- **Support with reading**

Science

Year 4

- Living things and their habitats
- Sound

Year 5

- Living things and their habitats
- Earth and Space

Computing

- E-Safety
- Technology in our lives
- Programming

Art and DT

- Linked to our UK topic, looking at landscape art
- Skills of art - tone, colour and sketching

Geography

As the topic this term is 'Africa' there are plenty of links to Geography. We will discuss famous countries, cities and landmarks; plotting them on a map so the children can appreciate the vastness of the continent. We will make comparisons; the differences between localities of Africa- the rural areas and crowded cities.