



# Autumn Term 2023



## Welcome to Rowan Class

I hope you have all had a fantastic and enjoyable holiday and are ready to go for the new school year. I am very excited to be teaching and getting to know you all this year in Rowan Class! Mrs Anna Smyrska will be our teaching assistant in the mornings again this year who is also looking forward to seeing you all.

### New Arrivals

This term we welcome Leo into Rowan Class who is starting at Martley as a year 4. We wish him every success and will look forward to helping him settle into team Rowan.

### Arrival and Dismissal

Pupils can arrive at school from 8:45am when the gates open for a soft start. Rowan pupils use the pupil entrance where they can put their bags into their lockers. Home time is at 3:20pm and children are dismissed outside the Rowan Class door on the ball pen.

### Curriculum

*Please see the curriculum overview for Rowan Class Autumn 1 on Dojo*

Mrs Caroline Stubbs will be teaching in Rowan Class on a Wednesday. In addition, we will continue to work in separate year groups for maths. Mrs Bradford and Mrs Marshall shall teach year 4's, whereas I shall teach Year 5's.

### Home Learning

**Reading:** It is essential that your child continue to read at home regularly this year. Please encourage your child to be reading regularly at home every day. They can choose to read a book from home or the book chosen from school if they prefer. Please also make sure they are recording their reading in reading records too.

**Times Tables:** The whole school will now be using a 'Martley Multiplication Mountain Challenge', which begins this year. This will help the children in speedy recall of key

multiplication facts essential for maths. More information on this will be shared in due course.

**Spelling:** Every pupil will have access to Spelling Shed at home where they can practise the week's spellings for their year group ready for a 'Hive Game' challenge every week. Please encourage your child to practise on this regularly too.

### Other Information

- PE days for Rowan Class are **Mondays** and **Fridays (Starting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September)**. Please send your child in their full P.E. kit, including a plain black hoodie/jumper when it is cooler. We will be having rugby sessions outdoors on a Monday and a second pair of shoes (rugby boots allowed) will need to be brought in a bag to change into please.
- Named water bottles must be in school daily. Water only please.
- Please remember that lunches must be ordered in advance using ParentPay.
- Class dojo will continue to be used as a rewards and sanctions system throughout the school. Please look out for messages and letters posted to the class dojo, as well as any news or photos of what we have been getting up to!

Thank you. I hope you are all looking forward to this new school term as much as I am!

Mr David Prince

(Rowan Class Teacher)

Mrs Anna Smyrska

(Rowan Class Teaching Assistant)

