Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Rowan Class

Welcome to Rowan Class! I hope that you have all had a wonderful, fun-filled summer break and are looking forward to this brand-new year. I am very glad to become part of the Martley family and the new Rowan class teacher. I am looking forward to a very fun year together.

We would like to also welcome Harry who has joined us in Year 4.

Curriculum

Please see the Curriculum Overview for Rowan Class Autumn Term on Dojo which will be posted shortly

Mrs Garness will be teaching Art and PSHE in Rowan Class on Monday afternoons.

Mrs Stubbs will be teaching Year 4 maths this year, whereas I shall be teaching the Year 5s.

Mr Clement will be teaching PE on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

Arrival and Dismissal

Children can arrive at school between **8:40am** and **8:50am** for our soft start. Rowan Class children use the pupil entrance and place their bags on any peg along the wall to the left of them. Home time is at **3:20pm** and pick up is from the Rowan Class door. Please arrive promptly to pick up your child and wait in clear sight of the classroom door on the ballpen. If you would prefer for your child to walk home or be released without being collected, it will be necessary to fill in a form from the school office.

Home Learning

Reading: It is essential that your child reads at home regularly. This can be a book from home or one from school. Every pupil will be given a reading record. Please record any reading done in them so we can monitor progress. Many thanks.

Times Tables: We will continue to use the Maths Mountain in Rowan Class. This weekly activity will help improve key multiplication recall and fluency for both Year 4 and Year 5. **Year 4** will take part in the statutory Times Table Check towards the end of this year. Therefore, it is *imperative* that regular practice of Times Tables takes

place both at home and in school. In addition, your child can practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) at home (logins in reading records). I will be regularly checking how this is getting on and will give rewards to those showing fantastic commitment!

Spelling: Every pupil will have access to Spelling Shed at home where they can practise the week's spellings for their year group. I will set a weekly assignment on there to work on at home. We will do a 'Hive Game' spelling test each week.

Other Information

- PE days for Rowan Class will be Tuesdays and Fridays for this term. Both are outdoor sessions, so appropriate footwear is needed. Children can arrive in suitable PE kits for both days.
- Water bottles- Sports bottles or 500ml ones with water only please. Many thanks.
- Please remember that lunches must be ordered in advance on https://www.blackpepperlunches.com.
- Class Dojo will continue to be used as a behaviour system across the school; the rewards and sanctions are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages and letters, including Class Story to find out what we have been up to in class. Feel free to message the school office with any necessary information or queries.

Thank you. I am looking forward to getting this year started in Rowan Class!

Mr Aidan Byrne

(Rowan Class Teacher)

