

Dear Parents and Careers,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed the sunshine and the beautiful changing season! Your children have come back to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning which has been such a pleasure to see!

This term our learning will be based all around the topic of 'Great Explorers!' where we will be finding out about what makes an explorer, the things they will need, how they travel and the history of some of the world's most significant adventurers and explorers. The children have enjoyed investigating an explorer's backpack and discussing all the contents within while camping out in the middle of the jungle!



Our English work will be based on our topic of Explorers where we will be writing in the role of characters through letters and diaries. We will be making our writing exciting and colourful with the use of adjectives and really consolidating our punctuation and use of exclamation and question marks. We will be using our abilities to write descriptively when constructing our own narrative and our use of question words to create an explorer fact file.

Our units within mathematics will see us counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, learning about arrays and how to add equal groups. Fractions will be introduced later in the term so please do use the language of halves and quarters when cutting up your pizzas (or apples!) and sharing your bars of chocolate at home! The term will end with a unit on geometry where we will combine map reading with positional language.

Our unit on plants continues within science. This term, as plants all around us bloom into life, we will be focusing on flowers. The children have planted sunflowers this week which we will eagerly observe throughout the term.

A big thank you for all the donations of pots and seeds we have received! Rowan Class are certainly becoming very 'green fingered' as our class gardening club continues to thrive. Not long till we will get to sample some of the peas and beans we have sown!



Term five promises to be very busy and engaging and with the weather constantly improving, we look forward to lots of our learning being in the outdoor environment!

Thank you for all your continued support and help at home too!

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Kent