



Rowan Class—Year 3

Spring Term 2026

Parent Information



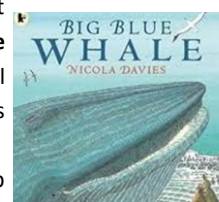
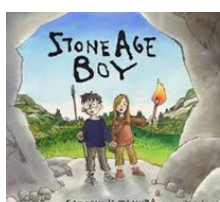
Our values this term are appreciation, honesty and courage.

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.

English

Our books this term are 'Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies'

Using **Stone Age Boy** we will continue to develop our narrative writing by creating descriptive settings, characters and plot. We will continue to; write in paragraphs, use inverted commas for speech and maintain consistent tense forms as well as developing rich, varied vocabulary. When studying **Big Blue Whale** we will learn to use organisational features like introductions and sub-headings. We will also explore using persuasive language i.e. repetition and alliteration to inform our readers whilst creating an informative and engaging article about whales. Throughout year 3 we will continue to develop consistent use of punctuation and develop rich and varied vocabulary.



Science

Rocks and soil. Light and shadow.

We will discover the three different rock types and learn how fossils are formed. They will also learn about the significant contribute of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology.

In Spring 2 we will learn about light, reflections and shadows. We will investigate different reflective materials. We will also learn about the dangers of sunlight.



Maths

We will be continuing our learning on multiplication and division (including knowledge of the 3, 4, and 8 times tables), whilst deepening their understanding of these concepts through a range of reasoning and problem solving activities. We will then move on to applying this knowledge to Fractions.



RE

We will be considering the following questions:

- *What kind of world would Jesus want?*
- *Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?*



History

We will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will learn that prehistory is the time before written records began and that we know about this time from evidence left behind that have been studied by archaeologists. Children will also explore key concepts such as settlement, migration, tribe and technology.



Art

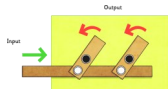
British Art

We will learn how draw illustrations and to make a portrait whilst developing our painting skills. Some artists we will learn about include: Thomas Gainsborough, Lucien Freud.

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Mechanical posters

We will explore levers and linkages work. We will then follow a design brief to design and create a mechanical poster using these mechanisms.



PSHE

Money matters

We will discuss where money comes from and how it can be used. We will explore how we can prioritise what we spend our money on and the choices we make regarding spending.

Forest School

Children will take part in Forest School sessions, exploring nature through play and hands-on activities. Sessions encourage curiosity, independence, creativity and confidence, with opportunities for discovery, teamwork and safe risk-taking in a supportive outdoor environment.

Geography

This Extreme Earth unit will teach about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes.



Computing

We will learn about spreadsheets, touch typing and email. We will continue to think about e-safety.

French

We will continue to learn new class-room instructions. As well as learning: days of the week, months of the year, animals, foods, fruits, family and friends.

Music

This term, inspiring music will be coming to deliver a vocal project to Year 3.



PE

We will focus on OAA (outdoor adventurous activities, volleyball, football and swimming).

Staff

Rowan Class will be taught by Mrs Keeble and Mrs Farrugia and supported by Ms Hart.

Reading

Every child will have a reading book linked to their reading ability and a library book. Please ensure that the children bring their reading books into school every day. They will read with an adult in school, sometimes on a one-to-one basis, sometimes in a small group and sometimes as a whole class activity. Our weekly library slot will be a **Tuesday**. We encourage children to take home a library book that they are interested in, even if they cannot read it independently. If this is the case, please share the book with your child and read it to them if necessary.



Home Learning

Home Learning in Year 3 consists of:

- Reading 5 times a week at home. Our book changing days will be: **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.
- Using Times Table Rockstars for **at least 15 minutes per week**. This is set on the website and is regularly monitored by staff.

We do not expect families to do extra home learning at home. However, if you wish to find out more about the topics overleaf, please do so. Some examples of activities that you may wish to do are:

- Research the Stone Age and make a poster of key facts you have found out.
- If you have the opportunity to go swimming please take your child and discuss the process of getting themselves ready before and after the swim.
- We will also be sending home a half termly spelling sheet. If you would like to practise spellings with your child at home this half term, please select words from the lists provided. These lists are taken from the key vocabulary your child will need to spell accurately in their work at school. There will be no tests on these words but we look forward to seeing the words spelt correctly in the children's independent writing.

Daily routines



Children should arrive between 8:45 and 9am. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and start the morning activity. The register will close at 9am.

PE kit

Our PE days are **Thursdays and Fridays**. More information to follow about Swimming Kit.

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their full PE kit. This helps us make the most of lesson time. Please ensure that your child is in the correct kit as follows:

Navy or black shorts only, Round neck Tee shirt in house colours.

Trainers for Y1-4 (for support purposes).



Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. The bottles will be sent home for washing every Friday and should be returned on Monday morning.

Morning snacks should be a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables only. We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or lunch for your child.



First aid



If your child has a head bump, they will be given a wristband to wear and they will receive an incident slip. This will be placed in their book bag informing you of the incident and the first aid administered. If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.