

Rowan Class – Summer 2026 Overview

ENGLISH

Children will focus on the 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward, writing setting and character descriptions.

Daily Shared Reading - sessions will help children to develop their comprehension skills with a focus on vocabulary and questioning techniques continuing to use the text 'Charlotte's Web'.

Spelling / Handwriting - children will have three spelling lessons per week, and two discrete handwriting sessions. Please see spelling overview for further details.

MATHEMATICS—Years 3 & 4 (NCETM)

Year 3 & 4 (Mrs. Griffiths)

- 7 times table
- Fractions – unit, non-unit, >1
- Parallel and perpendicular sides in polygons
- Symmetry in 2D shapes

SCIENCE

Summer 1 Electricity

Children will learn to sort common electrical appliances into battery and mains powered. They will construct simple series circuits containing a variety of components and understand the difference between complete and incomplete circuits. They will be able to identify whether or not a bulb will light in a simple series circuit and put forward ideas to fix incomplete circuits. The children will plan and investigate which materials make good insulators and design, construct and test their own switches.

Summer 2 States of Matter

Children will learn to compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will learn that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and be able to identify and name these processes as melting, freezing, evaporating or condensing. They will learn about the water cycle and be able to identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. Children will work scientifically to plan and conduct investigations involving melting and evaporation. They will learn to associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

PE

Summer 1 Country dancing/maypole dancing and athletics

Summer 2 Tennis

MUSIC

Summer 1 Global Pentatonic 'The Horse in Motion' explores pentatonic scales, creating music inspired by Eadweard Muybridge's iconic photographs of a galloping horse.

Summer 2 'Favourite Song' is a sing-and-play song for ukuleles, in a folk-rock style, with a verse/chorus structure.

COMPUTING

Summer 1 Photo Editing - children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

Summer 2 Sequencing Sounds – children will be introduced to a selection of motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs, featuring sequences. The final project is to make a representation of a piano.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer 1 Understanding Christianity (Incarnation)

Children will be exploring and answering the questions: 'What is the Trinity?'

Summer 2 Buddhism (Places of Worship)

Children will be learning about spaces where Buddhists practise their faith.

E4S

Summer 1 Healthier lifestyle choices, influence on exercise

Children will identify what kind of choices people make on a daily basis and what helps them to make these choices. They will consider who and what influences our choices and how this can make it difficult to make healthy choices. Children will identify the positive and negative consequences of choices on health and how to make informed choices. They will consider the risks and impact of an unhealthy, inactive lifestyle and what factors contribute to this. Children will explore what it means to live a balanced lifestyle and some of the factors that contribute to this.

Summer 2 Puberty – physical and emotional changes

Children will identify how their bodies have changed since they were a baby and what has stayed the same. They will consider which changes they have a choice over and which changes they don't. Children will learn what puberty is and about the physical and changes that happen during puberty. Children will consider what feelings and emotions are experienced during puberty and about feelings that might be new or overwhelming. They will learn about the hygiene rules for keeping clean during puberty and why these are important. Children will know what resources they will need to help keep themselves clean and where they can get help and support.

HISTORY

Summer 1 Children will be exploring the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

GEOGRAPHY

Summer 2 Children will be looking at the human and physical features of UK counties and cities.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Cooking

Children will be cooking traditional English meals this term. When they are not cooking, they will be learning about food, nutrition and design.

FRENCH

Summer 1 Weather

Summer 2 Fruit and revision