



Rowan Class Newsletter

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Dear Rowan parents and carers,

We've had an action packed first week back with lots of exciting learning.

We went on a leaf hunt this week to look for leaves to make leaf people from as part of learning our new story, Leaf Man. We found leaves of all different shapes, sizes and colours. We discussed what journeys our leaf people might make if they flew away on the wind, like how Leaf Man does in the story.

In Maths this week we have been making and comparing numbers in 20 and 50 using the Maths equipment like Numicon, counting bears and Diene cubes. We discovered that we can use our knowledge of tens and ones to make numbers larger than 9.

We looked at lots of different types of maps this week as part of our Geography topic on mapping and planning routes. We discovered that England is part of the United Kingdom and that the village of Watlington is in a county called Norfolk. In Computing, after recapping some tips on how to use the internet safely, we used Google Maps to find the United Kingdom, England, Norfolk and Watlington.

In PE with Mrs Hearn this week we learnt what Pilates is and how it can help to improve our core strength. We also learnt what posture is and why it is important to have good posture when walking and sitting. We pretended we were in a spooky house and did Pilates poses to go with this theme, like shining a torch (swimming arms whilst kneeling), crawling through a tunnel (elbow plank) and hiding in a cupboard (double leg stretch).

We began our 'Carnival of the Animals' themed Art topic by listening to the 'Aviary' piece of music and discussed what types of birds the music made us think of. We looked at the painting 'Path in the Wood' by Vincent Van Gough and imagined what birds we might find in the wood. We then went bird watching around the school grounds and we recorded the different birds that we found on our bird watching sheet.

Important upcoming dates and information:

If you find yourself at the back of the queue at drop off or pick up times behind parents and carers from older year groups, please feel free to come straight to the front and jump the line. Year 2 are first at the Key Stage 2 gate for both drop off and pick up times so it is the parents and carers of Rowan pupils who should be first. I will be at the gate so if I'm not talking to a parent or carer I will see you coming and give you a wave.

I have now set up our class on the app Microsoft Teams. If we do find ourselves in a situation again where there is another national lockdown and schools have to close (fingers crossed we don't!) then I will share any files that you would need for home learning via this and this is also the place where I would stream live lessons. Note this is set up through your child's school email address, rather than through your own email address.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hearn and Mrs Hanrahan

