

Petersfield Church of England School

Curriculum Information

Rowan Class, Summer Term 2025



English

Our first unit this term will involve writing an explanation text based on the core text 'The Lost Book of Adventure'. Pupils will write a survivor's guide on how to survive on their own deserted island incorporating language features of an explanation text such as technical vocabulary, colons, parenthesis and relative clauses.

Later in the term, the children will become marketing and design teams to create their own advertising campaign language.

Mathematics

Our units this term will cover shape (classifying and measuring angles, the position and direction of shapes, and symmetry), decimals (adding and subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places), negative numbers, converting units and volume.

The Sikh Empire



History: The Sikh Empire

In this unit, pupils will explore the causes of the Sikh Empire, describe the impacts of Sikh beliefs on society, and evaluate the historical significance of places and people in the empire. Pupils will also compare the achievements of Ranjit Singh and Sophia Duleep Singh.

Geography: Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?

Pupils will begin this unit by developing an enquiry question and determining the most effective method of data collection. Pupils will then plan and route for their fieldwork trip, collect their data and present their findings to answer the enquiry question.

Art: Sculpture & 3D - Making Memories

This unit teaches pupils to create sculptures which represent memories using various materials and techniques.

DT: Digital World – Navigating the World

Pupils will develop their 3D CAD skills as they work to produce a virtual model and present a pitch to 'sell' their product to a specified client.

Music: Our units this term will include listening to and learning Dancing in the Street as well as other Motown classics by Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder.

Spanish: Imperative verbs, sport, fitness and board games.

Science:

Evolution and inheritance

We will explore variation and inheritance in different living things as well as the theory of evolution.

Human timeline

In this unit, we will explore how humans change from a baby through to old age.

Making connections

This unit will bring together learning from multiple units to help pupils make connections between key concepts and skills.

RE:

Why is it better to be there in person?

Pupils will explore significant journeys and pilgrimages and discuss why going to a particular place is so important to some people.

Why is there suffering pt 2

Building on from our previous units, pupils will develop their understanding of suffering and explore alternative ideas about suffering.

Computing: Variables in games

Pupils will explore the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch. Pupils will experiment with variables in an existing project before creating their own.

PSHE: We will look further at relationships, belonging and problem-solving this term as we participate in lessons involving worries, compliments, empathy, secrets, teasing and bullying.

PE: Badminton, cricket, athletics and rounders.



English

- Write a letter to the Prime Minister from the point of view of a suffragette campaigning for votes for women. Use a persuasive letter format to convince the Prime Minister to give women the vote!
- Write an explanation text about how to survive the summer holidays. What do you need to survive (snacks, entertainment, exercise etc.)? Are there any dangers to be aware of (e.g. danger of too much TV, too much ice-cream etc.)? Add illustrations or photos for your reader.

History & Geography

- Create a presentation about Sophie
 Duleep Singh and her achievements. It
 could be a slideshow, a poster or
 anything you choose! If you like,
 research other suffragettes to include in
 a presentation.
- Create a map of the area you live in. Are there shops? Is there a post office? Are there any other landmarks? Don't forget to include a map key! How do you think the area could be improved? Could you add any desired features to your map?

Rowan Class Homework Menu

We were really impressed, as usual, by the standard of homework projects last term – well done everyone. This menu details a range of fun activities that can be completed at home to extend your child's learning during the spring term. Please help your child to choose and complete a selection of these activities. To fit in with your family life, they can be completed after school, at weekends or as a half term project. If you would like further suggestions, please feel free to select ideas from the homework menus of other classes which are all available on the school website. Children will be asked to share at least one of the activities with us in school. The deadline for this homework is Wednesday 11th June and we will share and celebrate this work throughout the week. We ask that the homework is not brought into class until after half term. We very much look forward to seeing the projects!

Science

- Collect photos of your parents and grandparents that show the traits you have inherited from them. Do you have the same eyes? Nose? Hair?
- Or collect photos of your family that show how they have changed over time from being very young to much older. Could you create a slideshow out of them?



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Suggested Family Trips & Visits

- Ancient House Museum in Thetford which was gifted to the people by Duleep Singh's son, Prince Frederick.
- Go on a sculpture trail around Cambridge: https://www.visitcambridge.org/place/cambridge-sculpture-trails/
- Curious Cures exhibition at the Cambridge University Library: https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/exhibitions

Mathematics

- Try creating a piece of art using angles. You could draw it on paper or use masking tape on the ground to create your angles. Can you measure each of the angles inside the shape?
- What containers can you find around your home (jugs, bottles, cups etc.). What is the volume of each container in ml? In litres? Can you convert between ml and I for each container?

Art & DT

- Create a sculpture that represents you. You can use cardboard, paper, wire, playdoh or any other medium!
- Use Tinkercad or similar to create a desert island. What features could you include? Are there any dangers? What could help you survive on the island?

Suggested Reading List

- Barmy British Empire Horrible Histories
- A Little Princess Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Moth Isabel Thomas
- Cool Sculpture: The Art of Creativity for Kids – Anders Hanson