

Rochdale Pioneers

Spring 2 News

Welcome back, we hope you all had good half term. Following is a curriculum overview showing what will be taught in the year 4 class during this term.

English:

We will be looking at our own personal responses to poems and looking at poetry structure. We will create our own poem based on the weather. Later on in the term, we will look at debate skills and look at opinions. In grammar work we will focus on apostrophes for plural possession, noun phrases, and compound and complex sentences.

Maths:

During this term, pupils will investigate fractions and then move onto decimals. It is essential that all children continue to keep up the good work they are doing on developing their knowledge of timetables up to 12×12 and be able to use these to work out related division facts.

History/Geography: In history we will investigate our own local history by studying the Rochdale Pioneers. We will discover who they were and what they did that helped firstly the people Rochdale and then people from all over the world. In geography we will look in more detail at Toad Lane, Rochdale town hall and one of the great cotton mills of Rochdale.

DT: We will be visiting Rochdale Town Hall on Wednesday 11th March to look at the architecture and to design and create a woollen weaving piece.

Computing: We will be learning about data logging this half term and how we can collect data using sensors and use it to give us information.

Science: Our focus is sound this term. Where we will be identifying how sounds are made and finding patterns between pitch and volume of sound.

RE: We are discussing why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? We will explore the word 'Salvation' and look at what the events of Holy Week mean to Christians.

PSHE:

This half term we will be exploring the importance of listening to others. We will also think about the importance of talking about our feelings with an adult and to seek support when it is needed.

PE Kits:

PE days are now **Thursday and Friday**. Please ensure that your child wears PE kit to school on these days. The skills covered this half term are Dance and Tennis Skills.

Reading at Home: Please encourage your child to read to regularly at home and bring their reading record in daily. Reading regularly really does help your child in all areas of the curriculum.

Times tables at Home:

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars. They can practise certain tables on jamming. They really need to be concentrating on the times tables they are not confident with. They do not need to practise their 2,5 and 10s as all children know these very confidently. **Using the soundcheck and garage options are good options for them at this point in the year.** This will greatly improve their mental maths skills, confidence pace and fluency.

Homework:

- Monday - Grammar homework given out and due back on Thursday
- Thursday - Maths homework given out and due in for Monday.
- Spellings will continue to be given out in your child's spelling log book.
- **I can't stress the importance of practising TT Rockstars for a few minutes a day to increase your child's fluency or even challenging your child to a competition on who can answer the most timetables correctly on hit the button.**
- This half term's homework project is due on: Thursday 26th March 2026.

Thank you
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