**Rochdale Pioneers**

**Summer 1 News**

Welcome back, we hope you have a lovely Easter break. Please remember to talk to a member of staff if you have any concerns or worries during this half term. Below is an overview of the curriculum areas we will be working on this half term.

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**Literacy:**

During the first part of the half term in literacy lessons we will continue, with ‘Should we feed animals at National Parks?’, a non-fiction unit of work which looks at how to write a balanced argument. In grammar work we will focus on noun phrases, fronted adverbials and conjunctions.

**Numeracy:**

During this term, pupils will continue to study Fractions and then move onto investigating 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 12x12 and be able to use these to work out related division facts.

**Topic:**

We will be studying the life of the Rochdale pioneers - the rise again of the handful of self-motivated people who set up businesses and brought an ailing town to life by reviving its economy and peoples’ self-esteem. They will be studying life in Rochdale during the Victorian times and how it has changed over the years.

**Computing:**

We will be learning about programming and looking specifically at creating repetition in shapes.

**Science:**

Our focus is ‘Our Changing World’. We will identify trees using their leaves and investigate different types of trees in our local environment.

**RE:**

We will explore various places of worship, looking at similarities and differences.

**French**

We will be learning French nouns relating to body parts.

**PHSCE:**

We will discuss our aspirations, identifying our present strengths, our future strengths and setting personal goals.

**PE Kits:**

PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**, please ensure that your child wears PE kit to school on these days.

**Reading at Home:**

Children continue to be encouraged to read 5 times a week. This will improve their comprehension skills, pace and fluency. Reading books will be changed in class by a member of staff.

\*\* Can all children please bring their reading records and books into school every day so that staff can listen to them read. \*\*

**Homework:**

Maths homework: Thursday

Grammar homework & spellings: Monday. (Spelling test is Friday.)

A homework project: Friday 20th May

Thankyou Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Wheeldon and Mrs Russell