

# Rowan Class Termly Newsletter



## Autumn Term

### Welcome to CVPS

We have had a super first few weeks in Reception! Thank you for making sure your children arrive on time and are smartly dressed in their new uniform.

We operate an 'open door' policy at CVPS, so anytime you wish to speak with a teacher please feel free to contact us (via phoning the office or catching us in the morning to make an appointment).



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### Essentials!

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle, welly boots, and sun hat in school every day. During the warmer weather please ensure your child has all-day protection cream on **before** they come in to school.

Your child does not need pumps at this point in the year (they will need a pair when we start getting changed for PE after Christmas)

### This Term:

- This half-term (Sept-Oct) our topic is 'THIS IS HOW WE DO IT'. We will be making our very own class book to be on display in our room. We will be looking at how to speak and listen to each other, how we greet each other, how we can make new friends, what we need to do when asking questions, and how we can become more independent.
- Next half-term (Nov-Dec) our topic will be 'BEAR'S BIG ADVENTURE'. We will be looking at different types of bears, where they live, what they eat and how they can stay healthy. You can find a copy of our Medium Term Plans (MTP) on the school's website.
- During literacy in Autumn 1 we will be reading - 'This Is How We Do It' by Matt LaMothe. In Autumn 2 we will be reading 'My Friend Bear' by Jez Alborough and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
- Our maths work will focus on counting and recognising numbers 0-20.
- Our main focus this term will be settling the children into their new environment, bonding together as a class, developing listening skills and understanding rhythm and rhyme.
- The children should all now have a school reading book that they bring home. They will be read with by an adult in school at least once a week and their books will be changed weekly. We expect that children should

### Diary Dates:

- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Meet Your Teacher, 3-4pm

### Dough Disco

During the Autumn term we will concentrate on building motor skills. One of the main ways we do this is through a fun activity called Dough Disco. It combines the use of play dough with a series of hand and finger exercises which is designed to improve fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination and self-esteem. As well as being a lively and entertaining activity, and combining the use of music, the overall aim is to support children's handwriting skills. If you would like to find out more there are several YouTube clips - just search 'Dough Disco'.

### Come and Meet your Teacher

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, between 3-4pm, you are welcome to come into school to meet your new teachers. This is an informal chat and a chance for you to share any information about your child that you feel we need to know. Please enter school through the Reception class door after you have collected your child. If you cannot make this time, but would still like to talk to us, feel free to make an appointment.

### Baseline

At the start of every new academic year in Reception we undertake our own baseline assessment so we can gauge the starting points for each child. This year we are also taking part in the Government's new pilot baseline. This trial is optional. If you want your child to take part, you do not need to do anything. If you would prefer for them not to take part, please speak with a member of the Early Years Team.