

## Homework

Children in Rowan class will have a phonics task to complete each week. This will be handed out every **Monday**.

We expect children in Rowan class to read at home at least 4 times a week but ideally every day. Please write in your child's reading record book every time you read with them at home.

Children in Rowan and Sapling classes will have mini topic projects to complete which will be handed out **every other Friday**. This work will be displayed in the whole school exhibition at the end of each half term.

## Come in...

We will be holding drop-in sessions every **Wednesday** at 3.05pm (from 25<sup>th</sup> September) to give you an opportunity to talk about the progress that your child is making and contribute to their learning. Your child will also really enjoy showing you what they have been working on in school.



## Coming up...

Parents of children in Rowan class (Reception) are invited to join us for:

**An information session: Your child's Reception year** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am

**A workshop: Supporting your child at home** on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 9.15am

We are hoping to organise a police car and a Tesco delivery van to visit children in school this term as part of our topic work. More details to follow.



We will be visiting the forest area every **Tuesday** afternoon.

Please ensure your child brings suitable clothing. Trousers, a long sleeved top, extra layers (such as a fleece), a waterproof coat (an all-in-one is ideal) a pair of wellies, and a hat and gloves in the cold weather.



Your child will need a PE kit on a **Thursday** afternoon. We recommend leaving it in school and taking it home at the end of each half term to wash.

Please make sure that your child:

- brings their book bag to school every day
- brings a coat to school every day
- has a water bottle in school every day

**Please make sure that all items of clothing, bags and water bottles are named.**



# EYFS

## Autumn Term Overview

### Rowan Class (Reception)

Mrs Kinna (Teacher)

Mrs Jones (Teaching Assistant)

### Sapling Class (Nursery)

Mrs Heilbronn (Teacher)

Mrs Dance (Teaching Assistant)

# Autumn 1

Do you want to be friends?



**Friends are the family you choose! Do you want to be friends? Would you like to play with me? It's time to find out more about friendship, being kind and working together.**

This half term, we'll take a walk around our school to find out about the adults who work there and their workspaces, taking photos as we go. Back in the classroom, we'll upload and print our photos to compile a 'Who's who?' display of school staff. We'll talk about friendship, being kind and helpful, and the things we like. Working together, we'll create friendship scenarios using Jelly Babies at the 'Jelly Babies playground'. In our literacy lessons we'll discover new words to describe ourselves, and compare and contrast each other. In our mathematics lessons, we'll share objects out fairly, and compare hand and foot sizes with our friends. Getting creative, we'll use a gathering drum to tap out rhythms together, and paint our palms to mix colours and make beautiful patterns to cut out and display. At the end of the project, we'll make and bake salt dough hearts to present to a loved one.

| Areas of learning                          | Working towards Early Learning Goals  |
|--|---|
| Communication and language                 | Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking  |
| Physical development                       | Moving and handling; Health and self-care   |
| Personal, social and emotional development | Self-confidence and self-awareness; Managing feelings and behaviour; Making relationships |
| Literacy                                   | Reading; Writing  |
| Mathematics                                | Numbers; Shape, space and measures  |
| Understanding the world                    | People and communities; The world; Technology   |
| Expressive arts and design                 | Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative                                |

## Home Learning Ideas

Friends are fabulous! Why not create a 'friends and family tree' together out of photos? Use different coloured lines to draw links that represent family, friends or acquaintances. You could also create a 'treasure chest' out of the things that make you 'you'. Which possessions couldn't you cope without? Alternatively, invite friends round for a get-together and discuss memories of happy experiences you have shared.

# Autumn 2

Are carrots orange?



**Food marvellous food! What do you like to eat? Are you happy to try something new? It's time to find out more about eating well and being healthy.**

This half term, we'll have a visit from a supermarket to explore the foods sold there. We'll collect a rainbow of healthy foods and use our senses to investigate the foods, and bravely taste things we've never tried before! Using our research skills, we'll read all about fruits and vegetables in non-fiction books. We'll compare and sort different fruits and vegetables, and create stunning still life paintings. Setting up a class supermarket will be lots of fun; we'll make signs and sell things to our friends. Following instructions and working together will help us to create healthy snacks. We'll also find out what happens to our bodies when we exercise. Using our mathematics skills, we'll weigh ingredients to make delicious biscuits or cakes, and count yummy currants to decorate them. Things could get messy, but it'll be lots of fun!

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## Home Learning Ideas

Being healthy can be fun! Why not taste a new fruit or vegetable that you've never tried before? Alternatively, try following a recipe to make a healthy meal or snack.