



Rowan Class Summer Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term – I hope your Easter break was fun filled and you were able spend quality family time together. This curriculum overview will guide you through your child’s learning throughout the term. If you have any worries or concerns that you would like to discuss with me about your child’s learning or progress at any point, please contact the me via the office.

COOKING

Children will be cooking on a Thursday afternoon, every three weeks. When they are not cooking, they will be completing activities about food, nutrition and design. If you have not done so yet, we kindly request that you send in £5 to cover some of the ingredient costs.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This term, our focus will be on the school value of ‘Resilience’. Throughout the term, we will be exploring what resilience means with the children, discussing how it can be shown both in school and in the wider community. Rowan will be creating a class display for the hall, which will be going up shortly.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual school attendance enables every child to achieve to the very best of their abilities - please refer to our [attendance policy](#) for our expectations. **Rowan Class’s attendance is currently 97.2%. This is above national!**

START OF THE DAY

This is a reminder that the school gates open at 8:40am with registration at 8:50am. Your child will have the opportunity to do some spelling activities / quiet reading during this time and they will also be able to access Accelerated Reader quizzes. Arriving on time is a great start to the day, putting your child in the right frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning. **Good punctuality is linked to good attendance which leads to better outcomes for children.**



UNIFORM

Uniform expectations can be found on our website (Parents – Uniform). When children are celebrating their birthday and wearing their own clothes, crop tops and short skirts are not appropriate attire for the school day. Shoulder length or longer hair should also be tied back.

P.E. AND GAMES



Parents were notified before the Christmas break about a change in our uniform policy. Children will continue to come to school in their PE kit with their school jumper / cardigan on the days they have PE. **Rowan has indoor PE on Fridays and outdoors with Mr. Morley from Premier Education on Thursdays.** On colder days, children may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms when outside. Long hair **MUST** be tied back. All children should wear shorts for indoor PE – **leggings or tracksuit bottoms are not permitted.** **Children should ensure that they are wearing either PE shorts, netball skirts or skorts, not ‘hotpants’.**

If your child wears earrings, they should be removed before their session, but if this is not possible, they should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you.

HOMEWORK



If your child does a piece of work, whether it is spelling or from the topic grid, please encourage them to share it with me. The topic grid and spelling overview are available on the school website, and children will have these in their homework books, as well.

READING



It is incredibly important that children read **every day**. At St. John the Baptist, we know how important reading is for children's learning and development, and we are asking for your support in encouraging daily reading at home. In Years 3 & 4, the expectation is for children to read for at least **10 minutes a day**. Children should be recording their reading in their reading comments books. Children will be given opportunities to access the Accelerated Reader quiz linked to the completed book recorded in their reading record.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

This is a polite reminder that children should be provided with a healthy packed lunch – no chocolate bars or sweets please. Rowan class have their snack after break, please ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.



WATER BOTTLES



It is important that your child is kept hydrated throughout the day, so they should have a **named** plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; **these should NOT be used for squash, fruit juice or hot liquids please**.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

All communication will be posted in order to keep you up to date with future events and information about your child's learning. Rowan has their own class page on the school website, which you can find under 'Our Learning'. Homework, spelling lists and additional information can be found here.

HELPERS NEEDED

If there are any parents who are able to spare some time to listen to children read, please let the office know.

COMMUNICATION

If you need to speak to me about your child at any point during the term, please contact the office or speak to me directly after school. At the start of each term, a curriculum overview is shared with all parents to keep you informed about your child's learning journey. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

Kind Regards,

Georgia Griffiths
Rowan Class Teacher