

Rowan Group Update - Spring term

Dear Parent,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support their learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

Our topic this term is **Countries of the World**

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Science & Humanities

We will explore places in the local area and their function. We will look at the weather and clothes we wear. For Italy, France, India, Africa and Australia we will make and taste foods from the countries.

Go for visits to places in your local area for example parks, swimming pools, cafes, libraries, supermarkets. Talk about the weather i.e. hot or cold when getting dressed.

Make simple dishes like bread and cakes from different countries.

Literacy

We will listen to stories and find pictures and symbols to match the plot and characters from the stories. For example The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks, and The Three Little Pigs.

Read stories used in lessons and look at the characters and talk about what is happening in the story.

Continue work on initial letter sounds for example 't' for toast, 'a' for apple, 's' for sandwich. Read picture books to encourage repeating new words.

Art

We will explore cultural art through a variety of media including collage, colouring and painting. For example Rangoli patterns and Aboriginal art.

Sit and colour pictures together for example clothes, weather pictures. Make simple Rangoli patterns using paint or crayons
<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/rangoli-patterns>

PSHE

We will be working on making choices of toys and games and packing away afterwards.

Work on simple puzzles together. Sit and work on colour by number sheets. Play with toys and put them away.

Maths

We will work on sorting objects by size, colour, shape, type. Also, making and copying simple patterns. We will be playing games using numbered dice.

Sort laundry clothes into black, white, red etc. Sort cutlery into knife, fork, spoon, etc. Play simple board games which use dice for example
<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/dice-games>

Please note:



Swimming - every Friday

Rowan Group will now be going swimming at Woughton on Fridays. Please send your child into school every Friday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.

PSHE - every Wednesday

We will continue to go for a walk or visit a park on Wednesday afternoons. We will also visit places in the area in the minibus for example a supermarket, café, or library. As the weather is still cold, please continue to send in a hat, gloves and a scarf.

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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And the Rowan Team - *Lisa, Beth, Charlotte*