

Welcome back to Rowan class!



WHAT'S ON

Summer
term 1 2024

Hello and welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter holidays and are eagerly awaiting the warmer weather as we are! In Rowan, we have bid farewell to a beloved TA Ami as she has gone off on maternity leave, and have welcomed Megan– you may begin to see her name in your home school diaries. We have moved on to our new topic of 'Animal Magic' which we will be harnessing through our sensory story, story massage, music therapy, dance massage and TACPAC sessions. We will also be throwing in a lot of RE celebrations into the mix in our art therapy and cooking sessions!.

Let's learn about... **Drama Therapy!**

You may have noticed Drama therapy mentioned on our class timetable and may have questions surrounding what this might look like with your young person.

In our drama therapy sessions, we allow our learners to become participants in the drama unfolding before them. Each session is different, as it is directed by the interactions and responses given by our learners. The sessions use musical ambience and props to set a scene, and the journey of each interaction is fully reliant on the response given by our students!

We begin with waking up the body ready for drama with a fun familiar piece of music and then staff begin to utilise non-verbal sounds and dramatized onomatopoeic responses to embed intensive interaction and fun into the sessions.

Try to have a go choosing a fun piece of music, a random household item, and seeing what it can turn into with the support of your young person without using spoken word– you'll find it bonkers what a wooden spoon can become if you give it the space to be something different!

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May– School closures for Bank holiday and INSET training.

Friday 24th May– last day of half term

Please keep your eyes peeled in diaries, on the social media pages and on the school website for any upcoming dates!

→ DON'T
FORGET!

Rowan class team



Class team:

Leo (teacher)

Lauren, Georgia and Megan (teaching assistants)

Kathy (Mid day supervisor)

Lisa (Higher level teaching assistant)

Class Fund

Thank you to those who contribute £5 to our half termly class fund, this supports us in our Cooking and sensory exploration lessons. If you are able to contribute please do so through Parent Pay so that we can continue to explore!

Swimming

Please ensure that your child has a swim kit in school on their swimming day or a spare kit that can be kept at school. Swimming is weekly on a rota basis to ensure all learners have the opportunity to take part! **Our swim day is Tuesday.**

Donations

We are on the hunt for health and hygiene items to add to our class health and hygiene box which we use ahead of lunch time to explore personal care items! If you have any spare sponges, shower gels, flannels or exfoliators spare, send them our way!

For updates, please check our school website and Facebook pages. **www.doubletrees.org.uk**