

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2 2023

Rowan Tree Class

Dear families,

Welcome back!

Our topics this half term are 'Autumn', 'People and Places' and 'Christmas'.

We will continue to use stories to create an engaging immersive learning experience to cover all the areas of learning.

Marvellous Me will provide you with updates about your child's development, suggested activities and the range of events happening throughout these months, so please keep checking it and give me a Hi5 for received messages.

Your child will be able to borrow a book from our class library every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** if they have a book bag. Please purchase a bookbag if you haven't done already from our uniform supplier brigade.

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/JO2624DS/>

Best wishes,
April and Linda



Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

UPCOMING events
AUTUMN TERM - SECOND HALF 2023

Date	Event
31st OCT	Children return to school 8:45 INSET day on Monday 30th October
1st NOV	Coffee Morning - Times Tables
1st NOV	Coffee Morning - It takes a Village
8th NOV	Coffee Morning - SEND support drop-in
15th NOV	Coffee Morning - Handwriting
20th to 24th NOV	Children in Need Dress Up Day
22nd to 24th NOV	Bikability - Y5 & 6
21st NOV	Coffee Morning - Sleep support
29th NOV	Upton Court part two - Y4
29th NOV	Coffee Morning - Speech and Language
5/6th DEC	Coffee Morning - Supporting your child
5/6th DEC	Children's Progress evenings - Please book in
8th DEC	Coffee Morning - Staying safe online
12th DEC	Coffee Morning - Supporting anxiety
12th DEC	CHRISTMAS FAYRE! 3:45-5:30pm
14th to 18th DEC	Nativities @ The Church (All 2:00pm) Thursday 14th Dec: Y5 & 6 Friday 15th Dec: Y2, 3 & 4 Monday 18th Dec: EYFS & Y1
19th DEC	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch (for children)
20th DEC	9:00-10:00am School Christmas Church Service
21st DEC	Last Day - join us from 1:45pm for carols in the playground

Talk4Writing (T4W)

Story mapping allows for the children to understand story structures and that they have a beginning, middle and end. Using T4W encourages the children to recall the story with visuals and actions.

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Our question this half term is 'Why is Christmas special?'. We will be thinking and learning about nativity and preparing for our Christmas performance.

Art & Design

We will talk about what things look like (e.g. different objects collected on an Autumn walk) and be exploring and describing different textures. We will think about how we can join different materials together to express ourselves creatively.

Polite notices

Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes in school in case of emergencies or water play.

Now the weather is getting colder, please ensure children are wrapped up warmly to play outside.

Core book

'Leaf Man', 'The Everywhere Bear' and 'Dear Santa' are the core books that we will be using, to have in depth discussions while linking it to the topics.

Maths

We will continue to work with numbers up to 5, to deepen our knowledge on how to represent the amounts in different ways. We will also be exploring 3D shapes and patterns.

Understanding the world

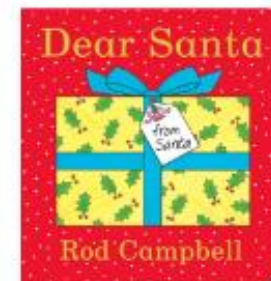
We explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.



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*This half term in
Nursery we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*



We are reading...