

Welcome to Rowans!

In Autumn term our theme is 'My World' in which we will be looking at the world around us, particularly in and around school, as well as naming basic body parts and discussing seasonal changes of Summer and Autumn. We will also focus on the children's favourites e.g. stories to share at Story time, music to use in dance lessons later this term. We will be asking a few children at a time to share their news about the weekend.

Useful websites:

www.youtube.co.uk - Search for topic or skill related stories, songs, film and TV links e.g:

- 'Super simple songs' for counting songs and rhymes
- 'Jolly phonics' sounds song
- 'Singing hands' e.g. counting songs and rhymes with makaton signs

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

- Watch programmes e.g. Alphablocks, Numtums, Numberjacks & Something Special (really good way of learning makaton signs)
- Also games and activities

www.purplemash.co.uk

- Creative activities e.g. under 'Themes' e.g. Summer, All about me etc.
- Under 'Games' - Simple city (children can explore familiar places)
 - Maths City (e.g. 'Party house' orders numbers to 5)
 - Talking stories e.g. 'Sally's Seaside Adventure'

'My World' Topic Activity ideas

- Go on a shape hunt looking for shapes in the environment
- Wax crayon rubbings of the world around them e.g. leaves, trees, fence
- Draw or paint pictures of people and things around them
- Make a collage /painting with their favourite colour
- Make shopping list for a favourite recipe, then go to the shop to buy your items and then follow the recipe to make it
- Talk about days and what you do on each day - make a picture timetable to discuss
- Mark your child's height on a chart/ wall and do later in the year - discuss growth
- Family hand print painting - discuss big/small/ biggest/smallest, body parts
- Look at photos of your child's past e.g. toddler, holidays, previous houses or activities etc
- Visit local parks and talk about what you see. Discuss seasons and things that are 'built' (manmade) or 'growing' (natural)
- Visit local zoo to look at different animals - discuss differences e.g. live in water, fly, have fur. Name as many as you can.
- Make a play dough face or animal
- Discuss getting along with friends and family e.g. taking turns and sharing

Stories

- Spot goes to school
- Titch
- And any favourite stories - also bring into school to share at story time!

Songs

- Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
- Dem Bones
- Days of the week song