



Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Work at it with all your heart

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Dear Rashford Class Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to this year as much as I am. We have had a fantastic week building relationships, establishing routines and getting stuck into our learning for this term. The children have settled well, and I look forward to teaching them this year.

PE

Rashford Class have PE on **Monday mornings**. Please send your child to school **wearing their PE kit**. They need to wear their normal school jumper or cardigan and they can wear navy / black shorts, leggings or joggers with their PE t-shirt.

Explorers

Rashford Class will have Explorers on **Tuesday afternoons**. This is a session in our wonderful wildlife area at the top of the field. In KS2, they do not change their whole uniform but will need a pair of outdoor shoes (walking boots or wellies) and a waterproof coat on this day. If you have waterproof overalls, they can wear these over their clothes – but please do not feel you need to purchase this. We have a small supply of spare wellies and overalls but not a full class set.

Swimming

Swimming will take place on Monday afternoons **after half term**.

Reading and Homework

Homework is optional – although Reading will be monitored and strongly encouraged. Children are invited to access:

- Times Table Rockstars;
- Spelling Frame.

Log-ins to access these platforms will be sent home, please let me know if you have any problems accessing these platforms.

It is essential that children in Key Stage 2, continue to read at home regularly. The children will bring a reading book and folder home every day and this must be returned to school every day. We will listen to the children read regularly at school. Reading together can take a range of forms. Your

child can read to you or you can share the reading of a book. Equally valuable is to continue to read to your children at bedtime (or any other time!). However you read with your child, please record it in their Reading Record so we can see how much reading your child does at home. Also, every time they read, they will earn a Reading Raffle ticket!

Times Tables

We will be doing daily timetables practice during school time. Times Tables Rockstars will also be used- it is a fun way for the children to learn their times tables and will really increase their speed at recalling the facts. Year 4 children will be taking a statutory assessment test in their recall of the times table facts up to 12 x 12. They have a very short time to answer so pace at recalling the facts is paramount. We will also be testing the children on their recall of times tables, every other week.

Show and Tell

To help develop the speaking and listening skills of our Key Stage 2 children at Knights Templar, I will invite the children from Rashford Class to do a Show and Tell presentation once a half term on Friday afternoons. Your child will be allocated a Friday during this half term when they will need to be ready to do their presentation – please see the attached timetable. They could bring in a special object from home to talk about, or they could talk about an event or activity they have enjoyed – bringing in a photo or attaching it to the Google Classroom. The talk will only need to be 2-4 minutes long and then we will invite the class to ask 3 questions about the presentation. We are asking that children **don't bring in toys** from home for their show and tell.

Discovery Zone

Some afternoons, Rashford Class will be learning their topics using a child-led approach. This means that they will take ownership of their learning within the topics studied at school. To enable this to be possible, we need to collect your recyclable materials from home: kitchen roll tubes, small cardboard boxes, mainly cardboard. Please bring these items in as often as you collect them. Thank you in advance for your support with this. I'll send messages home when we have enough supplies or if we need a restock!

Finally, please see the attached curriculum map for an overview of the Autumn's topics. If you have any skills or knowledge related to our Topic Web and you would be willing to come in to school to share this, we would warmly welcome you.

Also, if you have any questions, **please don't hesitate to contact me at school**. The children of Rashford Class will benefit greatly from a consistent dialogue between home and school.

I am really looking forward to the school year ahead and I hope that your child is too.

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