



# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

*Work at it with all your heart*

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Dear Rashford Class Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2026! It only feels like yesterday we were having our Christmas parties and Christmas dinners at school and now we are back for the start of the Spring Term. We have had a busy but productive week re-establishing routines and getting back into the swing of things. I look forward to the rest of the school year with Rashford Class.

## PE

Rashford Class now have PE on **Monday mornings**. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. Their school jumpers and black or navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms may be worn when the weather is cold. Please do not send your child in wearing non-school jumpers on these days.

## Explorers

Rashford Class will have Explorers on **Monday afternoons**. They will not change their whole uniform/PE Kit but will need a pair of outdoor shoes (walking boots or wellies) and a waterproof coat on this day. If they have waterproof trousers or overalls, they may wear these for Explorers. Where possible, please leave these at school for the duration of the term.

## Swimming

Swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoons but not until **after half term** (Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February)

## Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on the Rashford Class Google Classroom. The tasks are to be completed online by the following Friday and will include:

- 10 minutes on TTRS;
- A spelling sheet will be sent home on Fridays. One column should be completed each day of the school week. Please return it to class on Fridays. There will be an optional online spelling activity using Spelling Frame;
- There will also be an optional activity from the National Trust's **50 Things to do before you're 11 ¾**. These are outdoor activities that you could complete as a family. Your child could bring in a photo of the activity or talk about it during their Show and Tell slot.

TaP time is an additional play time for Key Stage 2 on Friday afternoons. If children are not completing their homework at home, we will ask them to complete it during TaP time on Friday afternoons.

### Reading

Please continue to take part in daily home reading. The children will bring a **reading book and home link journal home every day**. We will also 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 child. 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 for our draw on a Friday!

### Times Tables

We will be doing daily timetables practice during school time. TT Rockstars will still be used as it is a fun way for the children to learn their times tables. Year 4 children will soon 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 (6 seconds) to think, type and 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. In Rashford Class, these will take place 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 do not bring in toys from home for their show and tell.**

### Discovery Zone

Most 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, cereal boxes etc. (No plastic please!) Please bring these items in as often as you collect them. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, please see the attached curriculum map for an overview of the Spring'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 do not 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 rest of the school year and I hope that your child is too.

Mr Ollie Armitage

Rashford Class Teacher

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