



**Craighalbert Centre**  
Enabling Children to Achieve

# Rowan Room's Home Learning

## Term 3 - 2024-2025



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What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Rowan Room. Our young learners have all settled back into their school routine and have displayed great enthusiasm and engagement in their learning! We are also looking forward to the term ahead.

Our main theme's this term are "Superheroes and Sustainability". Our Superhero topic is a fantastic opportunity to encourage our children to believe in themselves, find their own superpowers and to notice the positive attributes that the important people in their lives have. Our sustainability topic will allow our learners to explore Climate Change and let them actively participate in doing their bit to save the planet by reusing recyclable materials in a fun and practical way.



Throughout the term we will also be exploring stand-alone events such as Robert Burns Day and Valentine's Day. We will also be participating in World Book Week. To encourage reading for enjoyment, you can take a trip to your local library and explore a wide selection of books. You could also send in your child's favourite book into school so that they can share them with their peers.



KIND



AMBITIOUS



CHILD-CENTERED



INSPIRATIONAL



COLLABORATIVE

# Weather Massage




**Story Massage Programme**

The Story Massage Programme combines the benefits of positive, nurturing touch with story, song and rhyme. It is based on ten simple strokes, each...

 Vimeo

We will be learning more in depth about the weather as part of our sustainability topic this term. The children will all be familiar with the weather page of their PODD book as it is something we talk about often and, being in Scotland, is ever changing. A calm and gentle way to learn about the weather and to open a discussion is through a Story Massage...

**What's your Favourite Weather?**  
Written for the Story Massage Programme  
[www.storymassage.co.uk](http://www.storymassage.co.uk)

	What's the weather today? Let's look out of the window.
	The round, yellow sun is shining in the blue sky. We feel warm.
	But soon black clouds appear, and the sky goes dark.
	Now it is raining. Can you hear the pitter-patter of raindrops falling on the window?
	What can you see now? There's a colourful rainbow! Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.
	Now look at the trees. They are shaking in the wind. All the leaves are falling to the ground. And the wind blows harder and harder and harder.
	What's that noise? Can you hear the thunder? Boom, boom, boom.
	Let's look out for the zigzag of lightening in the sky.
	Brrr.... do you think it feels cold now? We're starting to shiver...
	Snow falls gently from the sky... so white and beautiful.
	What's your favourite kind of weather?

# WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?



Use your PODD Book or preferred method of communication to design your own superhero!

You can use the template attached to give you some ideas for your discussion.

It would be great for some of your friends and family to create their own superhero too!

A SuperHero!

Hero Name

Decorate Me

My Super Powers

Words to Describe Me

I Want to Help

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# Exploring SOUNDS



Exploring different sounds and how they are made is a valuable experience for our young learners. Not only does it give them a greater awareness of the properties of different materials, but it can also expand on their vocabulary.

You could use the checklist below or have a chat using your preferred communication method to make your own list for the things you might hear while you are out and about.

- Running water
- Birds Singing
- Leaves Crunching
- Squelching Mud
- Dog Barking
- Branches Moving in the Wind
- Ducks
- Cows

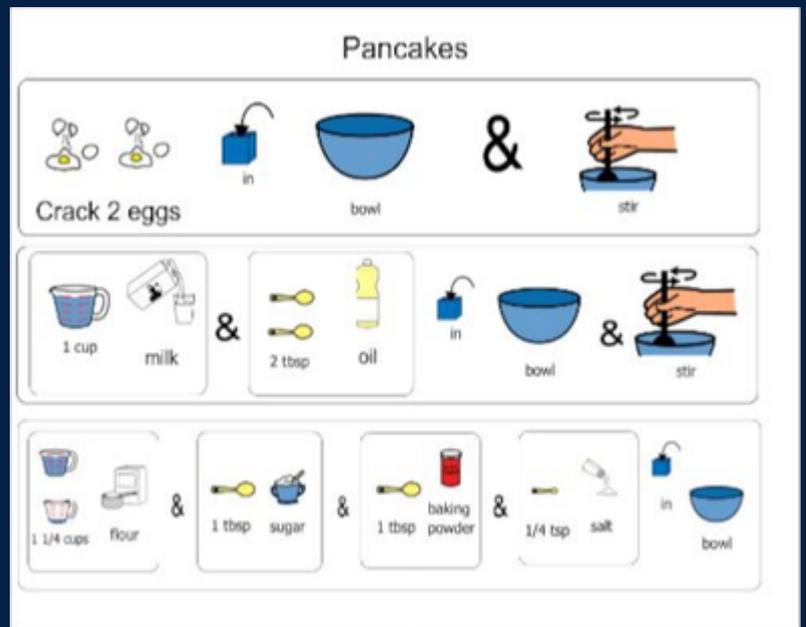
Let us know any other things that you hear on your sensory walk!



# SHROVE TUESDAY



Shrove Tuesday (AKA Pancake Day) is a wonderful event to come together as a family and do some baking together. It sparks communication, creativity and a huge sense of fun. As much as making pancakes is a great joy and experience, it is also a great opportunity to learn about Shrove Tuesday and why it is celebrated. You can learn about this together by scanning the QR Code below.



Above is a Boardmaker recipe for pancakes. As you go through the steps you can use your PODD to find the same symbols or use your PODD to predict what you might need to do next in the recipe.

Even if you are enterally fed, you can still have lots of fun using your communication devices to instruct, make and design your pancakes. You can use your senses to touch, see and smell the pancakes too.



# NOW SHOWING



Enjoy a super family movie night choosing one of your favourite Superhero movies. Below are 3 movie trailers for you to watch and if you like the look of any of them then cosy up with your family and enjoy! If you have another Superhero movie that you love please share them with us!



The Incredibles



Big Hero 6



Underdog





In school we are continuing with our learning of the letters in our name. We are also learning the letters in people's names who are important to us and having a go at constructing them too.

Making connections between what we learn in school and real life scenarios makes our learning more meaningful and inspires and motivates us to transfer our skills and knowledge to our every-day life.

If you have have an alphabet page in your PODD or another communication device, such as your eye-gaze then chat with family members about your names, what letters you hear in them and how to construct them. Make connections between the letters that are the same in your name to theirs. Sing songs together based on the letters you are talking about (you can find loads on YouTube for inspiration) and make sensory letters using common household items to explore together.



# Recycling

As part of our sustainability topic this term, we will be looking at recycled materials. Keep a hold of some recycling materials and get together as a family to make your own animal out of recycled junk!

This is a great way to explore animals, their colours, what sounds they make and even talk about where we might find them all while doing our bit for the planet! Who knows you might find new and creative purposes for our recyclable materials...

You can get some inspiration from the QR code below!

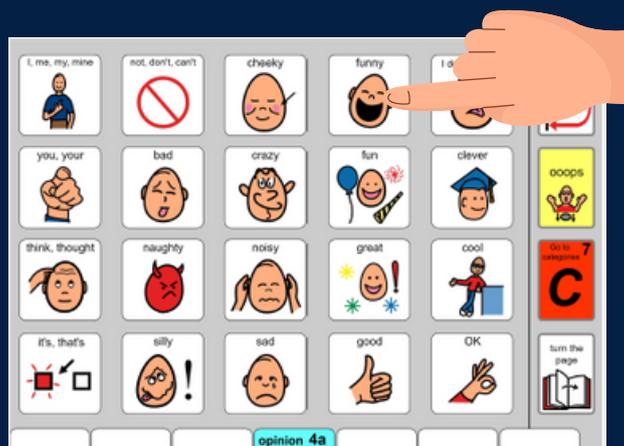




# Surprise Book CLUB

Write out the blurb of 3 or more new books. Wrap the books up and stick the blurb to the outside of the wrapped up book. Read each blurb to your child and have them choose which book they would like for you to read together based on what they have learned about it. Using your PODD book, have a chat about what you think of the book as you read it or talk about any familiar letters you might recognise from your name writing conversations!

This is such a fun way to discover new texts together and read something new and exciting!



# Thank you

Home learning gives our children the opportunity to show you the skills they have been developing and allows them to make meaningful connections between school and home.

We hope you enjoy doing these tasks with all of your friends and family.

We would love to see some photos of your activities and all playing and learning together.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

*Latic and the  
team!*