



# Rowena Academy

## Curriculum information for parents/carers

### Our topics for this year are:

- Let's Create!
- Mystical Beasts
- Historical Heroes

### Our topic for this term will be:

'Let's Create'. We are looking forward to our visit to The Hepworth in Wakefield.

### Areas of Learning:

#### Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be working on each of the following areas:

- Number: place value.
- Number: addition and subtraction.
- Measurement: length and mass.
- Geometry: position and direction and shape.
- Statistics.
- Multiplication and division.
- Measurement: capacity, volume and temperature.

#### English

This term in English we will be learning about the following types of text:

- Poetry inspired by sculpture.
- Non-fiction: instructions.
- Fiction stories with familiar settings.
- Extended narrative: retell of the Christmas story.

#### Reading Detectives

Our whole class reading text for this term is 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne.

#### Science

This term we will be investigating different types of materials. During our investigations we will closely examine the different properties of a wide variety of materials and discover which materials are suitable for different purposes. Throughout the year we will be investigating the seasons starting with 'Autumn Week' where we will record the daily temperature, wind direction and rainfall amount.



## Year Two Autumn Term 2019

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th September
Commando Joe Launch Day
Wednesday 2nd October
Harvest Festival Day
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October
Open Evening 3.15pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October
Visit to The Hepworth
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October
Autumn Family Craft Sessions
Wednesday 23rd October
Autumn Disco 4.00-5.30pm
Thursday 24th October
Diwali Celebration Day
School Closes
Friday 25th October
Training Day (School closed)
Monday 4th November
School re-opens
Wednesday 6th November
Individual and Family Photos
Thursday 7th November
First Family Learning Morning
Friday 8th November
Remembrance Day Celebrations
Week Commencing 11th November
Anti Bullying Week
Friday 15th November
Children in Need
Friday 6th December
Christmas Fayre
Monday 9th December and Wednesday 11th of December
Christmas Craft Sessions
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December (more information to follow)
KS1 Xmas Concerts
Thursday 19th December
Xmas Party Day and Disco
Friday 20th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Pantomime
Christmas Lunch
School Closes
Monday 6th January 2019
School reopens

## **Computing**

We will be learning to use the following:

- Tux Paint - Using various tools to create self-portraits.
- Word - Using text effect skills to enhance the presentation of our work when writing a set of instructions.
- Algorithms - Using Daisy the Dinosaur app for the children to follow and write a precise set of instructions. We will then progress onto more complex instructions to move a simple object across the screen of a computer.
- Internet - Using the internet to research different artists.
- E-Safety - Throughout the year we will be continuing to learn how to use technology safely and respectfully.

We will also be using iPads to take photographs and videos and to use data handling software.

Soon your child will receive their Purple Mash log in details so they can access lots of fun activities at home.

## **Cross Curricular Themes**

We have started our topic with an exciting 'Let's Create!' launch day linked to the children's ideas and suggestions. They enjoyed creating an imaginary story character which we will now use to inspire our writing.

In our topic 'Let's Create!' we will be exploring:

- Colour: including the range of colours that we can mix only using primary colours.
- Shading and sketching: creating a self-portrait using drawing pencils to add detail.
- Sculpture: using various materials such as clay, sand, wood and other natural materials.
- Art: developing our own art work inspired by the work of well known sculptors including Andy Goldsworthy.

In music we will be making and using sounds expressively, using various percussion instruments and our voices.

In PE we will be creating movement patterns and applying these skills in various game scenarios to develop our coordination and balance skills. We will also be continuing to complete the daily mile.

This term we will be launching an exciting Commando Joe challenge day where the children will work as a team using equipment and tools to complete physical tasks.

We are also having a special 'Geography Week' where the children will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

## **Having fun together at home ...**

Look on the internet to investigate well known sculptors and sculptures.

Use the 'Purple Mash' Art section.

Use their 'Phonics Bug' log-in to read books online.

Use 'Letter join' at home to practise joining letters.

Get creative at home!

Follow us on Twitter (@RowenaAcademy) to keep up to date with all the exciting events and news from our academy.

Please continue to support your child at home by also:

- Ensuring your child brings their book to school regularly and enjoys reading with you at home.
- Practising handwriting using Letter join at [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)
- Practising reading high frequency words.
- Practising number formation and spelling number words.
- Practising the common exception words on the Spelling Challenge.
- Using Purple Mash.
- Using Phonics and Grammar Bug.
- Visiting our Rowena Academy website <https://www.rowenaacademy.org.uk/>

**We will be taking part in our Daily Mile Challenge so please remember to send water bottles and coats everyday.**