



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:

'Mystical Beasts'. To launch our new topic we have been visited by Sam's Safaris where the children had the chance to meet lots of fascinating creatures. We all had great fun and learned lots of interesting facts!

Areas of Learning:

Mathematics

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

- Measurement: Money; time; length and mass.
- Number: Place value; addition and subtraction; fractions; multiplication and division.
- Geometry-properties of shape.

English

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

- Non-chronological reports.
- Drama based story writing.
- Poetry.

Reading Detectives

Our whole class reading text for this term is 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

Science

This term we will be investigating living things and their habitats. We will explore how different habitats are suited to provide the basic needs of different types of animals. Also this term we will be investigating humans and how they change throughout their lives. We will examine the different characteristics of babies and children and identify what changes take place when babies grow into children and then into adults.



Year Two Spring Term 2020

Dates for your diary

- Monday 6th January
Sam's Safaris
- Wednesday 22nd January
Granny Norbag visits
- Friday 24th January
Chinese New Year Focus Day
- Monday 10th February
Year 2 SATS meeting
- Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14th February
School closes for half term
- Monday 24th February
Training Day (School closed)
- Tuesday 25th February
School reopens
- Wednesday 26th February
NSPCC Safe Touch Assembly
- Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
- Friday 13th March
Sport Relief
- Monday 16th March
Living Eggs arrive
- Monday 23rd March
Open Evening
- Wednesday 25th March
Open Evening
- Monday 30th March
Easter Focus Day
- Thursday 2nd April
Easter Disco 4-5.30
- Friday 3rd April
School Closes for Easter
- Monday 20th April
School reopens

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash during this term to complete the following projects:

- Spreadsheets: Creating tables and block graphs and examining the data.
- Questioning: Using Pictograms to answer questions about data, using yes/no questions to separate information and constructing a binary tree to display data collected.
- Effective Searching: Producing a leaflet to share knowledge about how to search the internet effectively.

This term we will continue to learn about how to use the internet safely. We will be having a whole school 'Safer Internet Day' on February 11th.

Cross Curricular Themes

In our topic 'Mystical Beasts' we will be exploring:

- Design and Technology: We will investigate, design and make a moving picture using sliders and levers.
- Art: We will develop our own art work inspired by the work of Gustav Klimt and design our own 'mystical beast'.

In music we are going to be listening and responding to a steady beat and using percussion instruments to identify and respond to changes in pitch. We will also be exploring how we can combine sounds to create effects.

In PE we will be creating static balances and developing our hand-eye coordination through ball skills. We will also be developing our whole body coordination using equipment. We will be continuing to enjoy the 'Daily Mile' throughout the spring term so please ensure your child always brings a water bottle to school. During the term there will also be an opportunity to complete a 'Commando Joe' challenge.

Having fun together at home ...

Continue to research unusual creatures from the animal kingdom.

Use the 'Purple Mash' Art section:

<https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/art>

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

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Use 'Letter-join' at home to practise joining letters:

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html>

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.
- 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/>