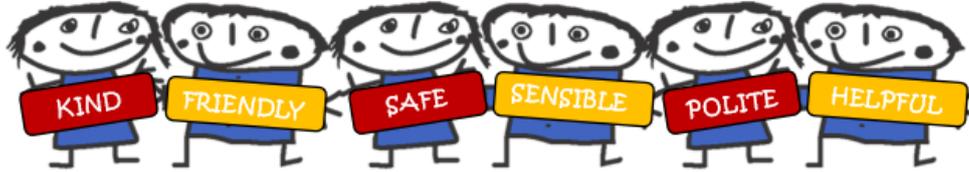




Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information



Reception - Autumn Term 2021

Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th October - Wonderdome Visit

Friday 22nd October - Training Day

Thursday 4th November - Diwali focus day

Wednesday 10th November - Individual Photos

Thursday 11th November - Remembrance Day

15th to 19th November - Anti-bullying Week

Monday 15th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 19th November - Children in Need

Monday 6th December - Flu Immunisations

Monday 13th December - Annual Santa Dash

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Crafts Day

Wednesday 15th December - Party Day with Party Lunch

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December - Pantomime Day (Red Riding Hood)

School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 4th January 2021 - School reopens

Topics for this year

- Roar!
- Blast Off!
- Pirates Ahoy!
- Christmas
- Who is Your Hero?
- Our Wonderful World
- How do They Grow?

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Areas of learning

Communication and Language

This term your child will be involved in a variety of exciting activities designed to develop their speaking and listening skills. Children will be listening to and learning poems about Dinosaurs and Space.

Role play will be an important part of the curriculum this term and the children will be acting out different scenarios in the Dino Area, Dino Office, Space Centre, Space Station, Pirate Ship and Santa's Grotto, amongst other role play experiences within the learning environment.

We will be introducing a Word of the Week this term. We will learn its meaning and how to use it in conversation.

Physical Development

Children will be developing their fine motor skills, they will be learning to hold and use pencils, paint brushes and scissors correctly so that they can write, paint and cut out accurately. We will begin to move with confidence, show awareness of space and develop control of large and small movements in our PE lessons and in the Daily Mile.

We will be discussing the importance of our health and wellbeing including healthy eating, exercise and toothbrushing. As the children become more independent we will be encouraging your child to dress and undress for P.E. with little adult support.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During your child's first term in Reception they will be learning to be independent, play co-operatively, show care and respect for others, build their confidence and form good relationships with the adults and peers in our setting.

We will be delivering the Jigsaw theme 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be looking at our similarities and differences, how they make us special and how to be a kind friend.

Literacy

Your child will be continuing to learn through Letterland this term. They will be learning to recognise, write and use letter sounds to build words. At Rowena we use the Letters and Sounds programme to support the development of children's understanding and use of phonics.

We will begin to use our knowledge of letters to build words and start to write sentences when writing a message in a bottle, labelling a dinosaur, writing a wish upon a star and a letter to Santa. We will read sentences and books containing phonetically decodable words and the high frequency words we have been learning.

At home children can use BUG CLUB, our online reading programme, to access reading books and enhance your child's learning. Just log onto www.activelearnprimary.co.uk and type in your child's log-in information to access the eBooks (logins will follow shortly) .

Mathematics

We will be introducing shapes, colours and numbers using the Number Puppies stories this term. The children will also be learning to recognise quantities to 5 without counting (subitise) and begin to recall number bonds to 5. The children will be learning to recognise and write numbers to 10 and then to 20, through songs, games and activities.

The children will learn to put numbers in the correct order and use vocabulary to describe their position. They will learn how to count forwards and backwards and count groups of objects accurately. The children will be learning to recognise, create and describe patterns in the indoor and outdoor areas and be encouraged to talk about the size, weight and position of objects in and around the classroom.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will begin to explore colour, texture, shape and space in their creative activities using different tools and techniques. We will use the themes of 'dinosaurs', 'pirates' and 'space' as a basis for much of our art, design and technology activities and we will also encourage children to express and develop their own thoughts and ideas.

We will be exploring the musical instruments in our classroom and making Christmas cards and calendars for our family.

Understanding the World

Children will be encouraged to explore their new surroundings using their different senses and talk about the similarities and differences that they observe.

The children will be provided with a wide range of objects, tools and materials and will be encouraged to make choices as to what they would like to build.

We will be introducing the children to our laptops and a range of technology resources that we have in school including iPads, to support and enhance their own learning. We will be programming the BeeBots to move forwards, backwards and to turn.

On Purple Mash's Mini Mash, the children will develop their mouse skills e.g. click to select, drag, and drop, when completing simple jigsaw puzzles.

At home children can log onto Purple Mash, type in the word 'pirates' or 'Christmas' into the search box and explore the many different activities available related to our topics. Just log onto www.purplemash.co.uk/rowena to access the website.

We will be using pirate ships as our inspiration when investigating floating and sinking this half term.

In RE we will continue to think about special times and explore the celebration of Christmas.

Please continue to support your child at home by:

- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school everyday.
- Helping your child to learn to write their own name independently with the letters correctly formed.
- Encouraging your child to count anything and everything that they see.
- Going on number hunts when you are out and about, seeing how many numbers you can spot and name.
- Helping your child to identify and sound the letters of the alphabet.
- Encouraging your child to complete activities independently, for example dressing, undressing and fastening their own coat.
- Visiting the Kid Zone (on the Pupil tab) of the school website: www.rowenaacademy.org.uk.
- Completing our weekly homework tasks.

We will be taking part in our Daily Mile challenge so please remember to send water bottles and coats every day.



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