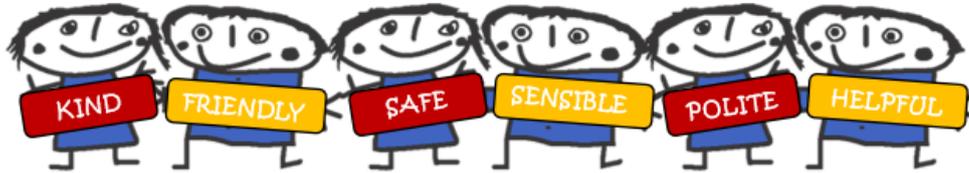




Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information



Year 1 - Autumn Term 2021

Dates for your diary

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

- Wonderful Me!
- Commotion in the Ocean!
- Bright Lights, Big Cities!

Topics for this half term

- Wonderful Me!
- This term we are going to learn about our senses, how our bodies work and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet.

Areas of learning

Mathematics

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

- Number: Place Value
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
- Geometry: Shape/Position and Direction

We will also be introducing reading and spelling certificates for number words.

English

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

- Labels, lists and captions
- Instructions
- Poetry
- Stories with familiar settings
- Extended narrative: retell of the Christmas story

We will also be working on high frequency words and Spelling Challenge certificates.

Reading Detectives

We will be introducing our whole class reading text 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes.

Phonics

This half term we will be recapping all phase 3 graphemes and learning how to spot these in words. We will also be introducing phase 4 adjacent consonants and the concept of real and nonsense words. After half term we will be introducing new phase 5 graphemes in readiness for the end of year phonics screening check.

Science

In Science the children will learn about 'Using Our Senses' and 'Materials'. We will discover which part of the body is associated with each sense, as well as learning to identify, name, draw and label basic parts of the human body. We will be exploring the effects of exercise on our bodies and the benefits of healthy living through our stimulus day. Our 'Materials' lessons will help us explore, identify and sort objects by their similarities and properties.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to help us learn the following:

- **Online Safety:** Our digital footprint - Understand that information we put online leaves a digital footprint or trail.
- **Grouping and sorting:** To sort items into three clearly defined groups using given criteria.
- **Pictograms:** To understand that data can be represented in picture format and contribute to a class pictogram.
- **Algorithms:** To follow and create simple instructions on the computer.

We will also use Tux Paint to create self portraits and pictures.

Watch out for the letter containing your child's Purple Mash log in details for you to use at home!

Cross-curricular themes

We are starting our topic with an exciting 'Wonderful Me!' launch day linked to the children's ideas and suggestions. They will be tasting healthy breakfast cereals, designing a healthy meal and investigating the effect that exercise has on their bodies.

Throughout our work in Art and Design we will be exploring colour mixing skills with paint and creating a self portrait using a range of media and materials. We will also create portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso.

We will hold a "History Focus Week" where we will learn about the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

This term in R.E. we will be learning about the religion of Christianity including 'who are Christians and what do they believe?'

We will also hold a special week to celebrate the season of Autumn. The children will also be celebrating the festivals of Diwali and Harvest.

Have fun together at home...

Discuss where different foods come from, the various food groups and how we can have a balanced diet.

Please continue to support your child at home by:

- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school regularly and enjoys reading with you at home.
- Completing homework tasks online on Seesaw.
- Practising letter recognition and formation.
- Practising reading high frequency words.
- Practising Spelling Challenge.
- Number recognition and formation.
- Number word reading and spelling.
- Using Phonics and Grammar Bug at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk.
- Using Purple Mash.

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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