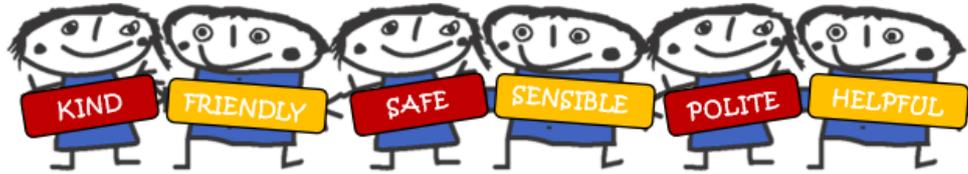




Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information



Year 2 - Autumn Term 2021

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th October - Visit from artist James Brunt

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

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

Topic for this term

Let's Create!
We are looking forward to finding out all about sculpture!

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:

- Character descriptions
- Non-fiction: instructions
- Poetry inspired by sculpture
- 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 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.

Computing

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

- **Coding:** Using and understanding algorithms.
- **Online Safety:** Our Digital Footprint - Understand that information we put online leaves a digital footprint or trail.
- **Spreadsheets:** 2Calculate - Creating tables and block graphs. To explore the capabilities of a spreadsheet.

Your child will receive their Purple Mash, Phonic Bug and Seesaw login details so they can access lots of fun activities at home.

Cross-curricular themes

We will start our topic with an exciting 'Let's Create!' launch day linked to the children's ideas and suggestions.

Throughout 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. Developing our own art work inspired by the work of well known sculptors including Andy Goldsworthy.

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 launch an exciting Commando Joe challenge day where the children work as a team using equipment and tools to complete physical tasks.

We are also having a special 'Geography Week' where the children will use globes and atlases to learn about the 7 continents of the world. They will compare the weather in hot and cold countries and find out about how this is affected by their proximity to the equator.

They will also explore animals that live in hot and cold climates.

Have fun together at home...

Continue to research well known sculptors and sculptures.

- Our homework tasks will continue to be found on <https://web.seesaw.me/> or the Seesaw app.
- Use the Purple Mash Art section: www.purplemash.com/#tab/art
- Use 'Phonics Bug' to read books online: www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login
- Use 'Letter-join' at home to practise joining letters: www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html
- Get creative at home!

Please continue to support your child at home by:

- Ensuring your child brings their book to school every day and enjoys reading with you at home.
- Practising reading high frequency words.
- Practising number formation and spelling number words.
- Practising the common exception words on the Spelling Challenge.
- Visiting our Rowena Academy website: www.rowenaacademy.org.uk



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