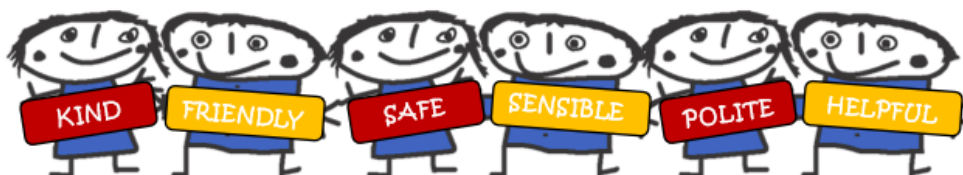




# Rowena Academy

## Curriculum Information



## Reception - Autumn Term 2023

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 25th September** - Dinosaur Experience  
**Wednesday 11th October** - Wonderdome Visit  
**Friday 13th October** - Harvest Festival  
**Wednesday 18th October** - Autumn Disco  
**Friday 20th October** - School closes for half term  
**Monday 30th October** - School opens for Autumn 2  
**Monday 6th & 8th November** - Open Evenings  
**Wednesday 8th November** - Individual Photos  
**Thursday 9th November** - Diwali Focus Day  
**Friday 10th November** - Remembrance Day  
**13th to 17th November** - Anti-bullying Week  
**Wednesday 15th November** - Odd Socks Day  
**Friday 17th November** - Children in Need  
**Thursday 7th December** - Flu Immunisations

**Week Beginning 11th December** - Reception Christmas Concerts  
**Friday 15th December** - Christmas Fayre & Santa Dash  
**Monday 18th December** - Ian's Mobile Farm  
**Tuesday 19th December** - Christmas Crafts Day  
**Wednesday 20th December** - Party Day with Party Lunch  
**Thursday 21st December** - Christmas Dinner  
**Friday 22nd December** - Pantomime and Christmas Jumper Day  
 School closes for Christmas holidays  
**Monday 8th January 2024** - Training Day  
**Tuesday 9th January 2024** - School Re-opens

### 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

This term, using the Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) phonics programme, your child will learn the Phase 2 sounds (phonemes) and the letters which make these sounds (graphemes). We will also practise the skills of blending for reading and segmenting for spelling.

We will begin to use our knowledge of letters to build words and to start writing 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 'Harder to Read and Spell' (HRS) words we have been learning in our ELS sessions. We will use phonetically decodable books matched to your child's reading level in class for Guided and Individual reading sessions. They will also take these books home to read each week.

## 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 providing the children with their own tablet to use in school and introducing them to a range of technology resources including laptops, to support and enhance their own learning. We will be learning how to program 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](http://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 and read their book everyday.
- Help your child log onto Seesaw to complete their homework task each week.
- Practice recognising numbers and writing them with correct number formation.
- Going on number hunts when you are out and about, seeing how many numbers you can spot.
- Encouraging your child to count anything and everything that they see.
- Helping your child to identify the letters of the alphabet and the graphemes they are learning at school this term.
- Encouraging your child to complete activities independently, for example dressing and undressing.

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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