



Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information



Year 2 - Autumn Term 2023

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th September - 'Let's Create' launch day

Monday 9th October - Visit from artist James Brunt

Friday 13th October - Harvest Festival

Wednesday 18th October - Autumn Disco

Friday 20th October - School closes for half term

Monday 30th October - School re-opens

Week beginning 6th November - Open evenings

Wednesday 8th November - Individual Photos

Thursday 9th November - Diwali focus day

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Day event

13th to 17th November - Anti-bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Thursday 7th December - Flu Immunisations

Friday 15th December - Christmas Fayre/Santa Dash

Monday 18th December - Ian's Mobile Farm/Year 2 Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 19th December - Year 2 Christmas Concerts

Wednesday 20th December - Party Day with Party Lunch

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December - Christmas Jumper Day and Pantomime

School closes for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January 2024 - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - School re-opens

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

Let's Create!
We are looking forward to finding out all about sculpture and using natural materials to create art.

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. We will also explore how the shape of different materials can be changed.

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 started 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 and our visiting artist James Brunt.

In PE we will be developing fundamental skills and applying these skills such coordination and balance in various scenarios. We will also be practising our ball skills individually, in pairs and in groups. In the second half term we will move on to gymnastics and invasion games. 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 'Letter-join' at home to practise joining letters: www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html
- Get creative at home!
- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school every day and enjoys reading with you at home.

Please continue to support your child at home by:

- Practising reading harder to read and spell 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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