



# Rowena Academy

## Curriculum Information



## Year 1 - Autumn Term 2023

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 13th October** - Harvest Festival in school

**Wednesday 18th October** - Autumn Disco

**Friday 20th October** - School closes for half term

**Monday 30th October** - School reopens for Autumn Term 2

**Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th November** - Open Evenings

**Wednesday 8th November** - Individual Photos

**Thursday 9th November** - Diwali Celebration 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

**Thursday 14th & Monday 18th** - Y1 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 Day & Christmas jumper day.

School closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 8th January 2024** - Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 9th January 2024** - 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 our Harder to Read and Spell Words and Spelling Challenge targets.

## 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 real and nonsense words. We will also be revisiting phase 5 graphemes and teaching alternative phase 5 sounds. This is in readiness for the end of year phonics screening check.

## Science

In Science, our topics will be '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. 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 a given criteria.
- **Pictograms:** To understand that data can be represented in picture format and contribute to a class pictogram.

We will also use 2Paint to create self portraits and pictures.

Don't forget that your child can access Purple Mash at home!

## Cross-curricular themes

We have started our topic with an exciting 'Wonderful Me!' launch day linked to the children's ideas and suggestions. They have tasted healthy breakfast cereals, designed a healthy meal and investigated 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 the focus 'who are Christians and what do they believe?'

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

In Music this term we will be exploring the following Charanga units: Autumn 1: Hey You!,

Autumn 2: Rhythm In The Way We Walk and Banana Rap.

Our PE this term is: Get Set 4 PE - 'fundamentals', 'ball skills', 'gymnastics and 'sending and receiving'.

## Have fun together at home...

Discuss where different foods come from, the various food groups and how we can have a balanced diet. Practise sketching skills and attempt to sketch a self portrait. Ask your child to explore the different sounds they can make with their voices and body.

## 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 Harder to Read and Spell Words.
- Practising Spelling Challenge.
- Number recognition and formation.
- Reading and spelling of number words.
- 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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