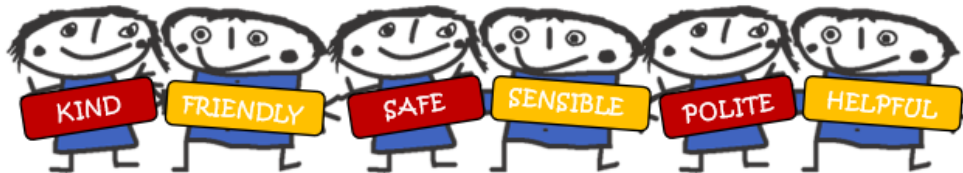




Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information



Year 1 - Spring Term 2024

Dates for your diary

5th February - 11th February

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February

Chinese New Year Focus Day

Friday 9th February

School Closes for Half Term

Monday 19th February

School Reopens

Wednesday 21st February

Y1 Trip to The Deep

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Thursday 28th March

School Closes for Easter holidays

Monday 15th April

School Reopens

Topics for this year

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

Topics for this half term

- Commotion in the Ocean!

This term we will be exploring the ocean through our art, English and topic work. We will be learning about the importance of caring for our environment and oceans, as well as learning about ocean habitats and who lives there.

Areas of learning

Mathematics

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

- Measure: Time
- Number: Place Value
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
- Measure: Length and Height
- Number: Multiplication and Division
- Number: Fractions
- Geometry: Shape, position and direction

English

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

- Poetry inspired by the book 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae.
- Persuasive writing based around the 'Wild Tribe Heroes' series and the adventures of Duffy the sea turtle.
- Non-fiction recount of our trip to The Deep.
- Fantasy stories—'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Tiddler'

We will also be working on Harder to Read and Spell Words and Spelling Challenge certificates.

Reading Detectives

This term we will be investigating the book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward.

Phonics

This term we will be learning all of the phase 5 alternate pronunciations for the graphemes we already know. We will be revisiting our phase 3 and phase 5 graphemes and working on identifying these in real and nonsense words in readiness for our end of year phonics screening check.

Science

In our science lessons we will be identifying and naming common animals including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will be categorising them into groups of fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds. We will also be describing and comparing the structure of common animals. In addition we will be finding out about animals in their local environments. As part of our topic lessons we will also explore ocean habitats.

Computing

We will be completing the following Purple Mash units:

- 'Maze Explorers' - to understand the functionality of the basic direction keys and create a simple set of instructions (algorithms).
- 'Animated Stories' - creating an e-book using animation and sound.

In addition we will be learning how to use the internet safely during 'Safer Internet Day'.

Cross-curricular themes

During Art and Design we will be exploring the work of the Argentinian artist Carlos Hiller who is well known for his underwater scenes. Followed by a Recycled Art project inspired by saving our oceans.

Through our topic work we will also be looking at how to use Maps and Globes to pinpoint the 5 oceans and trace the River Don from its source to the sea. We also compare human and physical features of the UK coastlines and their seaside locations.

In History we will be looking at Victorian seaside holidays and traditional Punch and Judy puppet shows.

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

We will also hold special weeks to celebrate the seasons of Winter and Spring.

The children will also be celebrating the festivals of Chinese New Year and Easter.

Have fun together at home...

- Continue to research sea creatures and their habitats.
- Read stories that will encourage children to write their own ocean adventure.
- Follow us on X (@RowenaAcademy) to keep up to date with all the exciting events and news from our academy.

Please continue to support your child at home by:

- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school daily and enjoys reading with you at home with their reading book.
- Read books online using you Oxford Owl login.
- Completing homework tasks online on Seesaw.
- Revisiting previously learnt graphemes using Seesaw.
- Practising letter recognition and formation.
- Practising reading Harder to Read and Spell Words.
- Practising Spelling Challenge.
- Number recognition and formation.
- Number word reading and spelling.
- 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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