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# Rowena Academy

Curriculum information for parents / carers  
Our topics for the rest of the year will be: 'Ocean Explorers' and 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.



Our topic for this term is 'Ocean Explorers'.

As part of our topic we will be visiting The Deep.

**Year One**  
**Spring Term 2015**

## Areas of Learning

### Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be working on Unit 2 in each of the following areas:

- Counting, Partitioning and Calculating.
- Securing Number Facts.
- Handling Data and Measures.
- Understanding Shape.
- Securing Number Facts and Relationships.

### English

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

- Poetry inspired by our topic.
- Recounts linking to our trip to The Deep.
- Traditional Tales.
- Stories about fantasy worlds linking to this term's topic.

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## Dates for your diary

- Year 1 visit to The Deep - Thursday 15th February
  - Spring Pantomime - Tuesday 3rd February
  - Year 1 Multi-Skills Festival at DVLC - Thursday 5th February
  - Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th February
  - Chinese New Year Festival Day - Friday 13th February
  - School closes - Friday 13th February
  - School reopens - Monday 23rd February
  - Treasure Island Drama Day - Wednesday 25th February
  - World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
  - Red Nose Day - Friday 13th March
  - Training Day - Friday 20th March
  - Easter Festival Day - Monday 23rd March
  - Enterprise Week - Week commencing Monday 23rd March
  - Easter Disco - Thursday 26th March
  - School closes - Friday 27th March
  - School reopens - Monday 13th April
  - Parents Evening - Monday 13th April and Wednesday 15th April 3.15 - 5.30.
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## Science

We will be exploring underwater habitats. We will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles birds and mammals.

## Computing

We will be learning to use the following programmes:

- Word - using text tools to present our written work and adding pictures and photographs.
- Purple Mash - '2 animate' making moving pictures inspired by our visit to The Deep.

We will be using iPads, voice recorders and Beebots throughout the term. We will also focus on how to use the internet safely, during 'Safer Internet Day'.

## Cross Curricular Themes

During Art and Design we are going to be exploring the work of the Argentinian artist Carlos Hiller. He is well known for his underwater scenes.

In Design and Technology we will be learning about different types of puppets and how they are made. We will use what we learn to design, create and evaluate our own pirate themed finger puppets!

## Having fun together at home you could....

- Look on the internet at The Deep. The web address is [www.thedeep.co.uk](http://www.thedeep.co.uk).
- Find out about sea creatures and their habitats.
- Read stories that will encourage children to write their own ocean explorer adventure.

## Please continue to support your child at home also by:

- Practising letter recognition and formation.

- Practising I Can Spells.
  - Ensuring your child regularly brings their book to school and enjoys reading with you at home.
  - Using Phonics and Grammar Bug at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk).
  - Using Purple Mash.
  - Visiting the Kid Zone of the School website:  
[www.rowenaacademy.org.uk](http://www.rowenaacademy.org.uk).
  - Encouraging your child to complete our weekly homework tasks.
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