



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.

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 visit to The Deep.
- Explanations.
- Drama based story writing.

Science

In our science lessons we will be exploring a range of natural and man-made materials. We will be using some of these materials to create our own underwater collages. We will also be learning about underwater habitats.

**Year Two
Spring Term 2015**

Dates for your diary

- Year 2 visit to The Deep - Thursday 15th January
- Spring Pantomime - Tuesday 3rd 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 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.

Computing

In computing we will be undertaking a research project linked to our topic. We are going to use the internet to research and then present our findings using a slideshow on Microsoft PowerPoint.

We will also be learning to use the following programs:

- Word - using text tools to present our written work and adding pictures and photographs.
- We will also be using iPads, a digital camera, voice recorders and data handling software.
- We will also be learning about 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 who 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 have learnt to design, create and evaluate our own pirate finger puppets!

Having fun together at home you could....

- Look on the internet at The Deep. The web address is 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 by also:

- Ensuring your child brings their book to school regularly and enjoys reading with you at home.
- Practising letter recognition and formation.
- Practising High Frequency words.
- Practising I Can Spells.

- Using Phonics and Grammar Bug at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk.
 - Practising I Can Spells.
 - Using Purple Mash.
 - Visiting the Kid Zone of the School website:
www.rowenaacademy.org.uk.
 - Completing our weekly homework tasks.
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